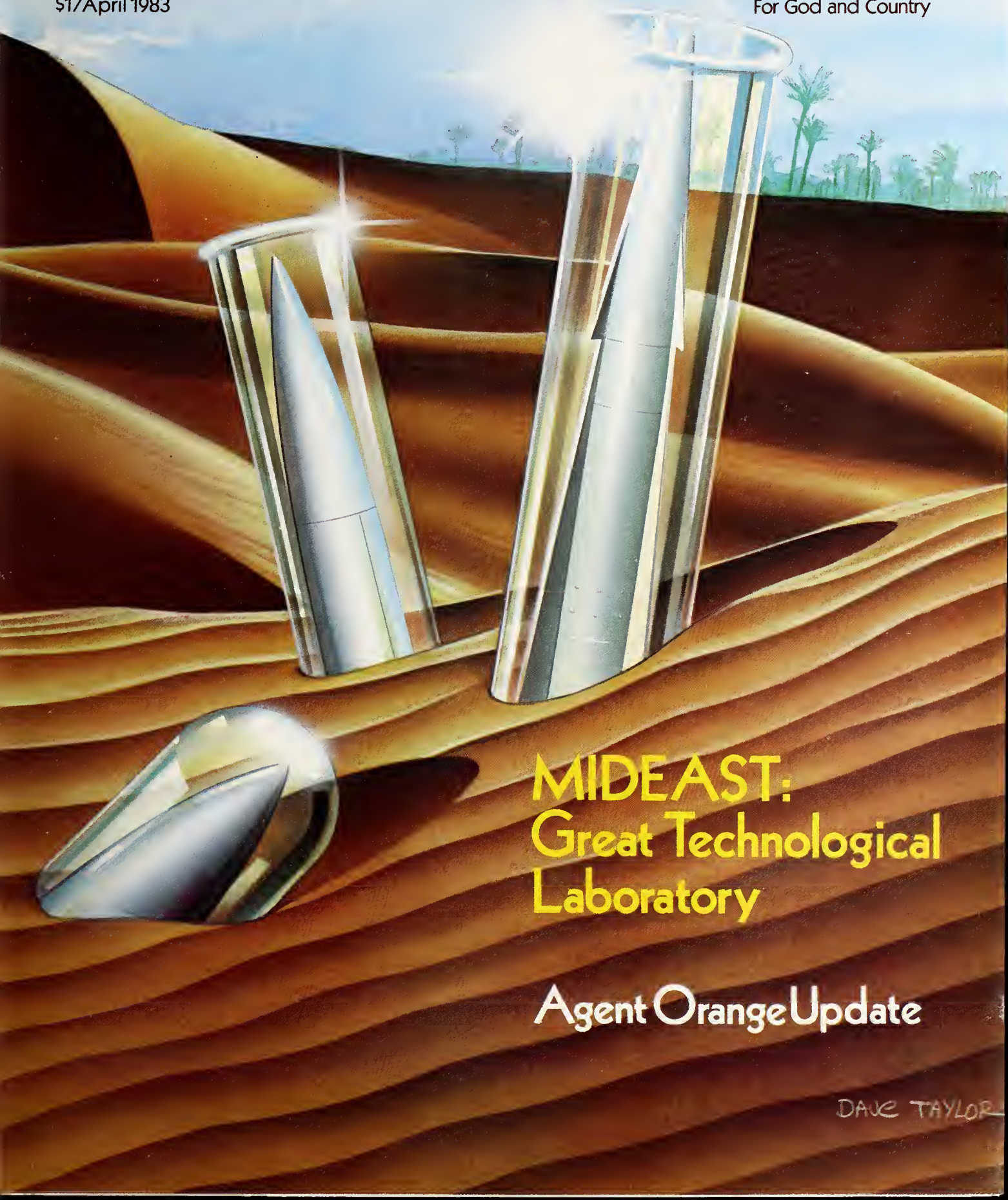


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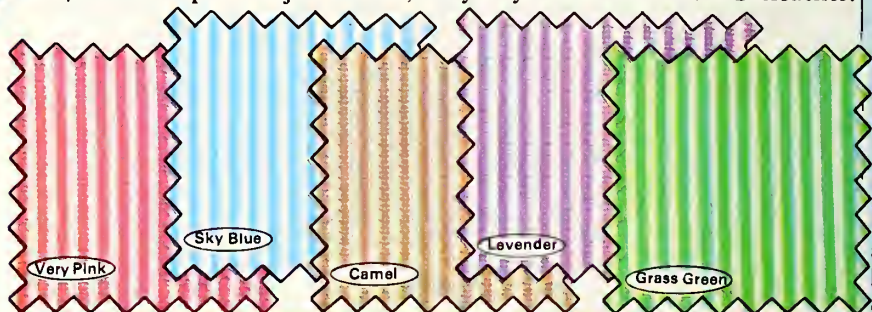
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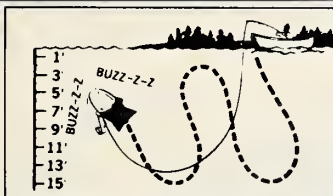
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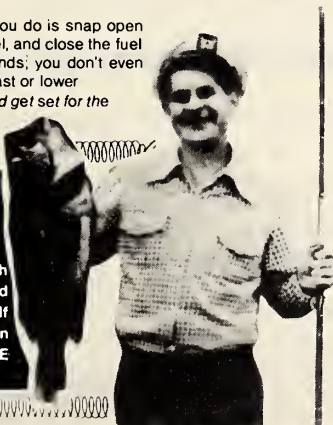
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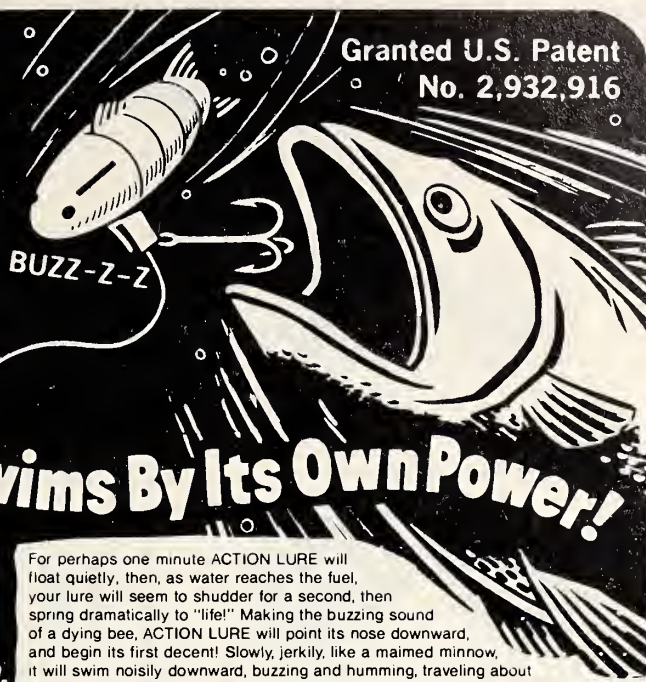
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Al Keller, Jr.

In this country and in other Free World nations, we have witnessed organized and highly visible support for an immediate end to the nuclear arms race. This call for a change in defense strategy comes from sincere people who predict that if the superpowers do not freeze nuclear weapons' proliferation then the world will be plunged into a nuclear Armageddon. We of The American Legion understand such concerns and share them. We, perhaps even more than non-veterans, earnestly desire that the world be purged of any threat of war or destruction. Yet, having been a part of the history of conflict, we also know that freedom cannot be purchased with appeasement, nor can it be protected without strength.

The Soviet Union, a strong supporter of the so-called Peace Movement, is a vocal advocate of such a change in our defense strategy and would like nothing better than to have the Free World agree to an immediate nuclear freeze. Whenever I hear of the Soviets pleading for nuclear disarmament and arms negotiations—especially in view of their disregard of past agreements—I am reminded of a story I heard about an attacking bear that suddenly found itself within the gun-sights of a hunter.

"Now wait a minute," the bear pleaded in conciliatory tones, "why don't we just sit down together and

talk this whole nasty situation over? You set your gun down alongside that tree over there and sit down here with me where we can be comfortable."

Well, that's exactly what the hunter did. He told the bear all he really wanted was a nice warm fur coat. The bear, in turn, told him that all it really wanted was a full stomach.

Later the bear got up and departed ... alone. It had a full stomach and the hunter had a fur coat.

And that, my friends, is exactly the scenario this country will face if it ever drops its guard and agrees to an immediate nuclear freeze under present conditions. The Soviet bear would like nothing better than to see us lay down our arms, thus giving it a permanent position of superiority—a posture which, judging from its past record, it would not hesitate to take advantage of.

During the past decade, when détente largely replaced containment as the basis of U.S. policy, the United States experienced a precipitate decline in its strategic balance with the Soviet Union. Throughout that period, the Soviets developed and deployed an alarming number of new strategic weapons as part of the largest military buildup in the history of mankind. Former Secretary of Defense Harold Brown aptly characterized this asymmetry: "When we build, they build; when we don't build, they build."

The Communists' massive arms buildup has also been accompanied by frequent direct or indirect aggression in Angola, Ethiopia, Afghanistan and Poland. Furthermore this totalitarian police state, which describes itself as a "peace-loving nation," has violated provisions of the ratified SALT I agreement and of the unratified SALT II proposal, and there is convincing evidence that the Soviet Union has violated chemical and biological warfare agreements as well in their use of "yellow rain" in Afghanistan, Cambodia and Laos.

Knowing the character of the adversary with which we are dealing, it becomes imperative that any American nuclear strategy recognize that deterrence as a defense policy has worked extremely well for almost 40 years. Superpower conflict has been avoided, thereby allowing the United States, Western Europe, Japan, Korea and some other nations of the Free World to achieve unparalleled economic

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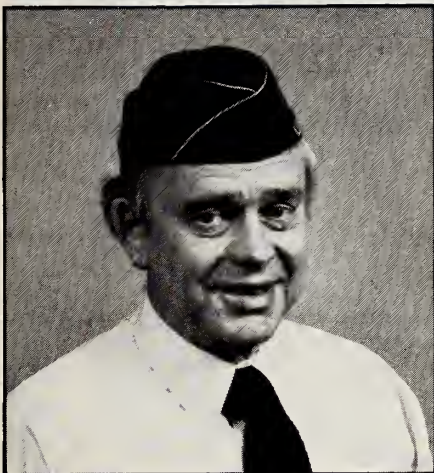
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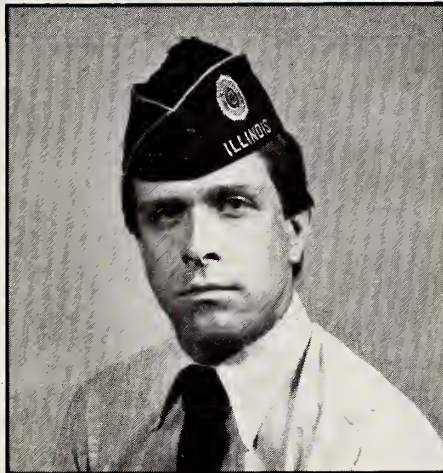


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45-54	26,400	23,760	21,120	18,480	15,840	13,200	10,560	7,920	5,280	2,640
55-59	14,400	12,960	11,520	10,080	8,640	7,200	5,760	4,320	2,880	1,440
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Letters

Andropov

• Ernest Cuneo's "Andropov And The KGB Revolution" (February) makes a powerful case to support the theory that the KGB has taken over the Kremlin from the Communist Party. Now Soviet actions must be viewed by the international community in the light of the policies and tactics that were fashioned by Andropov while in the KGB.

Berman E. Deffenbaugh, Jr.
San Antonio, Texas

• Each month I count on *The American Legion Magazine* for one outstanding and informative article. The author's knowledge and perception of what's going on in Russia sheds light on a subject that has puzzled me for some time.

John Huling, Jr.
Whitewater, Wis.

POWs Remember

• Reading "Return From Hell: The POWs Remember" by Philip C. Clarke, (February), I had a mixed feeling of remorse and happiness: first because of our tragic misunderstanding of Vietnam and, second, that there are people, such as Col. George E. Day, who represent what is best about America.

Wayne V. Dominowski
Sioux Center, Iowa

• I was impressed by the diversity among those interviewed concerning the justification or lack thereof for our involvement in the Vietnam War. I doubt that question will ever be settled. However, there was no mention in this article of those who are still being held in Southeast Asia. These men have apparently been abandoned by the government they sought to serve.

Robin F. Gatwood
Hickory, N.C.

• I read with renewed pride and deep emotion this timely and necessary article. However, I found lacking the mention of any enlisted personnel. Our Air Force Air Rescue Unit had many helicopter crews shot down throughout

the conflict, some killed, some wounded or captured. Thank you for this fine article.

Charles W. Hoell, Jr.
Astoria, Ore.

Poland

• The officers and members of the Cleveland Society wish to express their thanks and gratitude for Jan Nowak's, "How The War Was Won and Poland Was Lost" (January). The article is most informative and will certainly help its readers more fully understand the plight of Poland.

Chet Mutryn
Cleveland, Ohio

Pea Coat

• Regarding Bill Earls' "Coat Of Navy Blue" (January) we wish to tell you it was one of the most enjoyable articles we've ever read. My husband, a sailor of 25 years ago, still brings out his jacket once a year and recalls the memories. He raved about the article for three weeks before I had the opportunity to read it. I'd swear he wrote it! Thanks for publishing this tribute to many a sailor's friend.

Mrs. Gary Trevor
Prospect Heights, Ill.

• I, too, can associate with the value and tradition of the Navy pea coat. But, sailors become a little short of money at times, and I being one sold my 1964-issue pea coat for a mere \$10. What a dumb mistake! Now I must settle for the new style and fabric, far from the excellence of days gone by.

David M. Bell
Johnstown, Pa.

Prisoners

• In response to Jay Stuller's, "Putting Prisons To Work!" (January), I believe that as long as veterans and honest, hard-working citizens are unemployed, the inmates of prisons should not be permitted up to \$10 per hour wage. I'm sure that the prisoners mentioned in the article don't have to worry whether their pickup truck will start in the morning. They don't have to get up early to pack a lunch box. They need not stand in unemployment lines, nor do they need to live in cardboard boxes on the streets. They do not need to buy a license so they can hunt to feed their families.

William E. Jenkins
Gillett, Wis.

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Big Issues

Should the Federal Government Sell Its Land to Help Pay Its Debt?



Rep. W. Henson
Moore,
R-La.

Yes. The application of economics to the family budget is fairly simple, and it should be the same with our government.

When the family is faced with a financial problem, it can either try to raise its income by working a second job, borrow additional money (leading it further into debt), reduce expenses or sell some of its assets and possessions to raise extra capital.

Just as the average citizen cannot overextend his income, neither should the federal government. But the federal government has attempted to solve its problems by raising its income (taxes on us) and by borrowing more money (a projected record of \$185 billion this year, driving interest rates up and reducing available capital). It has also cut some spending this year and last. But in the next Congress the coalition to cut further domestic spending has been reduced, and the sentiment that we are already overtaxed is prevalent. All agree we can't borrow any more; therefore, the government has only one option left it has not used.

Our country does possess valuable assets that are going unused, but which could contribute to reducing our national debt. For instance, more than 775 million acres of land—one of every three acres in the United States—is owned by the federal government. This acreage is larger than Alaska, Texas, California, Montana and Idaho combined.

No one knows the value of these holdings, and with many of these lands going unused and underdeveloped, the idea of selling some of these acres to reduce our national debt is sensible and would assist in reducing inflation, interest rates and unemployment. It would also restore millions of acres to state and local tax rolls.

Why does the government need to own vast amounts of land? Before the New Deal, our country allowed, and encouraged, its citizens to homestead, buy or acquire land.

Since the 1970s, the federal government has increased its land holdings—far beyond the areas of national parks, wilderness areas and other lands that should be retained, preserved or protected.

It does not make economic sense for the United States to hold onto large areas of surplus land for no purpose. I do not mean parks or wilderness areas, but former military bases long deserted, federal buildings that have not been used for years and urban-area holdings that no longer house anyone. These could be sold and put to use—creating jobs and boosting productivity.

Needed revenue would be generated for state and local governments for revitalization and expansion, while the federal budget would move closer to becoming balanced. The twofold benefit received from this proposal makes it worthwhile and needed.



Rep. Edward
J. Markey,
D-Mass.

No. For a president fond of denouncing "quick fixes" to solve urgent national problems, I find it truly ironic that this administration is proposing to sell some of the nation's finest resources in order to gain a short-term and temporary reduction in the level of the national debt. Tampering with the cornerstone of our national heritage should be done only under the most extraordinary circumstances.

The administration proposes to sell more than 60,000 acres—nearly 100 square miles—in the hope of raising \$17 billion for the federal treasury. While this seems to be a substantial sum, it would hardly make a dent in the \$1 trillion national debt since it amounts to less than 1.7 percent of that amount. In comparison, postponing the increase in next year's defense budget by less than 1 percent could do more to bring down the debt level. Selling federal lands is not an efficient means of halting a growing national debt, and there are other reasons as well.

Our public lands represent not only a source of scenic and natural value that require continuous federal protection to survive, but they also represent a storehouse of wealth for the future. Land now controlled by the federal government holds an estimated 20 percent of all our known oil reserves, 30 percent of natural gas supplies and 40 percent of our coal resources. It is essential we protect these resources for the future and we carefully manage the exploitation of vital energy supplies. Last year, the production of energy on federal lands brought in more than \$1 billion and will be a growing source of income in the future if it remains under federal guardianship.

We should not be eager to raffle off so cheaply this excellent source of continuous revenue and relinquish so easily areas of natural beauty and scenic value that should be protected for future generations.

Instead of organizing a giant land sale, the federal government should focus its effort on efficiently managing the land it possesses. Furthermore, this federal land can often be cultivated as a source of continuous and renewable income by taking measures such as restructuring fees charged for the rights of the use of the land. Such options simultaneously accomplish the worthy goals of preserving control of the resources, earning vital revenues from federal properties and ensuring a legacy for our children.

Undeniably, today's growing budget deficit deserves extraordinary and immediate government attention. And the lands now under federal control need to be managed more efficiently. But it would be a mistake to let federal lands fall victim to political "quick fixes" to deal with an economic dilemma that has its roots in much larger and unrelated issues. There are very few areas where the actions taken today will have more of an impact on our future. We should consider, foremost, more appropriate options to resolve the debt problem.



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Old Soldiers Await Call To Colors

The U.S. Army isn't letting its old soldiers fade away. The land forces have quietly put into operation an emergency mobilization program that, within seven days of call up, will bring nearly 100,000 retired GIs into active service with assigned posts and commands.

The Pentagon is concerned that it will be short of experienced manpower in time of urgent need. To meet this shortage, it plans to call back into the Army those retirees, mainly under 60, who are still physically fit and can step into military jobs, relieving younger, fitter people for tougher duties.

However, the General Accounting Office, Congress' investigative arm, questions the feasibility of the plan. GAO worries that if the retirees were recalled, nearly 15,000 would die or become hospitalized or disabled within a year. GAO also questioned the ability of the retired soldiers to use the latest weaponry. The Army is holding on to the plan, but taking another look at it.

Youth Gangs Hit The Suburbs

Youth gangs, who for years have terrorized the big cities, have now spread into smaller communities with an array of assaults, robberies and muggings, according to a recently completed survey that was sponsored by the Justice Department.

Western cities appear to be the primary haven for these adolescent packs, and California is one of the major contributors to the nation's youth gang problem, the survey indicates.

Police departments trying to cope with the predatory juveniles are experimenting with counter actions. Most effective methods of "gang-breaking" so far are programs aimed at incapacitating the gang leader and his chief lieutenants, and busting up the cohesiveness of the gangs through incarceration, aggressive prosecution and stiff sentencing.

Fifty percent of the cities surveyed reported that violent crimes were the most serious problem encountered in dealing with youth gang activities.

"Most Able" Ignore Teaching

Teaching, once considered a highly rewarding profession, is losing instructors and student candidates to more lucrative jobs. Educational institutions facing the cold fact that good teachers are a rare breed, hope to get a helping hand from Congress.

A bill introduced by Rep. Paul Simon D-Ill., calls for commissions to be appointed by the states to examine the overall quality of teachers and to seek improvement. Statistics presented at hearings in Washington indicate that less than 5 percent of 1981 college freshmen showed an interest in a teaching career. In the past eight years, students planning a teaching vocation dropped 79 points in scholastic tests, a sharper decline than in any other professional grouping. These tests, says the legislator, "show clearly we are not appealing to the ablest in our society to become teachers . . ."

Pay is a primary discouragement for teacher candidates. The average instructor teaches 25 students 46 hours a week for 36 weeks a year, and is paid just over 50 cents an hour per student, considerably less than a baby sitter collects.

PEOPLE & QUOTES

Green Beret Rebirth—"All that we're building is a force that gives a national leader some alternatives to jumping into a major war." Brig. Gen. **Joseph C. Lutz**, commander, Special Forces.

Temptation Of Space—"We're not trying to put the government into a shoe box. But I feel that we can run this government with less space and at less cost. When you reduce space, you save on utilities, furniture, equipment. When you have lots of space, there's always the temptation to fill it." **Gerald P. Carmen**, administrator, General Services Administration.

Today's Special Challenge—"Conservatism cannot retreat from its traditional position, that some things are worth dying for. The special challenge of the time is the sophisticated proposition that although some things may be worth dying for, it cannot be worth dying for nothing, which is what would be left over in the event of a nuclear exchange." **William F. Buckley, Jr.**, journalist.

Symbols Of A Free People—"The Capitol, across the street from the Library of Congress, has reverberated with many of the nation's great public utterances. It is symbolically appropriate, and even necessary, on Capitol Hill that we find two grand buildings, one a temple of the spoken word, another a temple of the read word. One is a symbol of the publicity essential to a free government, the other a symbol of the privacy essential to a free people." **Daniel J. Boorstin**, Librarian of Congress.

Age Of Superstitions—"An age of superstitions is a time when people imagine that they know more than they do." **Friedrich Hayek**, Nobel laureate in economics.

Advice To Congress—"May they do their work, remembering what they said to the people to justify their election." Senate Chaplain **Richard C. Halverson**.

Gap Is Narrowing—"It may turn out that human intelligence will eventually be defined as that which cannot be done by machines." **Herman Kahn**, futurologist.

Philosophy Of Competition—"I would say generally . . . that anyone promoting the idea that a monopoly best serves the public bears a very heavy burden of proof. There is a strong consensus in this country that a competitive marketplace philosophy is the way to go . . ." **Mark S. Fowler**, chairman, Federal Communications Commission.

Defense Dampens Danger—"To those naive American citizens who urge unverifiable freezes or unilateral disarmament, or who say, 'Better Red Than Dead,' let us reply 'Neither Red Nor Dead.' So long as our defenses remain adequate, there will be no war between the United States and the U.S.S.R." **Sidney Hook**, American philosopher.

Japan Needs U.S. Friendship—"From Japan's position, realistically speaking, without a strong U.S.-Japan relationship we can't afford to have any effective Soviet policy, for example, or any productive China policy. Also, for us to have a very close, cooperative relationship with the U.S. would be a source of psychological comfort to the nations of Southeast Asia." **Yasuhiro Nakasone**, prime minister, Japan.

See "Reds" For Themselves—"It would seem that the population of our planet should . . . have its eyes opened to see how peoples who escape Communism flourish and how those who fall victim to Communist tenets perish by the millions . . ." **Alexander Solzhenitsyn**, Nobel Prize novelist.

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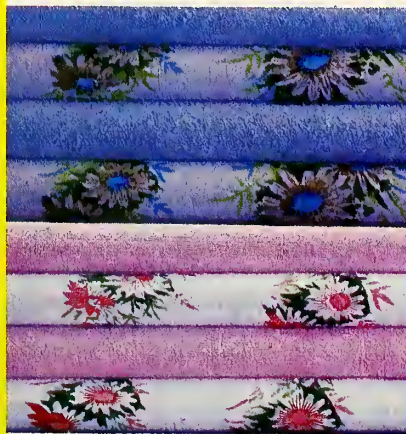
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Country Music Goes To Town

By Phyllis Zauner

It was Willie's biggest hit of the night. Straddling a high stool, hunched over his beat-up guitar, he slid into "Whiskey River," loping through the lyrics in his familiar, low-key style. In the hands of a lesser artist it might have been a mediocre song. But when Willie let loose with the last note, cowboy hats sailed to the stage in salute and the thunderous, foot-stomping ovations left no doubt the people in the audience understood exactly what he was saying. It was Willie Nelson In Concert.

There's a potency to country music. The songs tell of simpler, more basic values. They tell of love and work, temptation and failure. They ferret out the feelings of average people in everyday situations. Most country composers don't set out to strike any cosmic chords, they simply write what they feel.

And people in all levels of life are discovering that they like the music's earthy subject matter. The



twang of fiddles, banjos and guitars is drawing standing-room-only crowds in nightclubs. President Reagan invited Merle Haggard to perform at a barbecue party. Willie Nelson sang at a Jimmy Carter fund-raiser. And when First Lady Nancy Reagan spoke on drug abuse, she quoted not a psychologist, but a country musician who sings about "a time when coke was still a cola and a joint was a bad place to be."

Country music goes back to the homemade music of America's beginnings. Its roots are buried deep in the rural areas of the Appalachians where British emigrants settled in the coal-country foothills and rolling blue grass farmlands. For them, music was no spectator sport. Everybody played, everybody sang. They fashioned their own instruments, made up ballads about their life and put them to music.

It was singer Bill Monroe in the 1930s who brought this banjo-pickin' mountain music out of the hills and gave it a name: bluegrass.

Bluegrass conjures up visions of hazy mountains, ramshackle log cabins, dirt-poor farms and valleys scarred by abandoned mines. To purists—and particularly to Monroe—this is the *true* country music. Instrumentation is restricted to guitar and bass for the driving rhythm, a five-string banjo, a mandolin and fiddle for melody.

Bill Monroe is pushing 72 now, and he's still stumping around the country in his converted bus, the one that says "The Father of Bluegrass" on it, still singin' and pickin' his mandolin for the college kids who are the chief fans of bluegrass. "We don't have no arranged music," says the fiddler for the Blue Grass Boys. "These so-called 'country singers,' they play the same notes every time. When we play, we never play the same break."

But the Nashville Sound didn't grow out of the stompin' and pickin' music called bluegrass. It began in 1925 with a radio broadcast called WSM Barn Dance. For the first time, country music had a national audience, and the still-young recording industry was sending scouts down from New York to report on this home-grown sound. Two years later the show's name was changed to The Grand Old Opry, and it was moved into an auditorium.

Simple as sunshine, it was a success from the start. Crowds gathered to hear Roy Acuff, Minnie Pearl, Merle Travis, Ernest Tubb. Over the years, the Opry walls have held the echoes of such country American classics as "Wabash Cannonball," "Your Cheatin' Heart," "Heartbreak Hotel," "Folsom Prison Blues," "Rhinestone Cowboy"—and that's just a sampling of the repertoire that's the core of the Opry's 50-year history.

The Opry turned Nashville into the music center of the country. Since the 1960s, Nashville has been the recording

mecca of America. More than half the country's records are now cut in Nashville at one or another of the 50 recording studios counted among the world's most sophisticated.

One of the earliest of the commercialized country singers on the Opry stage was Hank Williams, who probably has as strong a claim as anyone to being the "greatest figure in country music." Some scholars say to this day he is probably the most imitated singer and songwriter country music ever produced.

The songs he wrote—such as "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry"—reflect his rural, broken-home upbringing and unhappy marriages. He was a loner, a man with one friend, Fred Rose, who guided his career. It was Rose who left Alabama to try and sell Hank's music to New York recording studios. But no one, it seemed, wanted "hillbilly music." Finally Mitch Miller at Columbia, who later gained a fame of his own as the goateed sing-along conductor, agreed to shop it around. He eventually placed Hank's best song with an aspiring young singer named Tony Bennett. And Bennett's recording of "Cold, Cold Heart" sold a million copies, thereby launching his own career and lighting a fire under Hank's.

Hank's was short-lived. He died from a heart attack on Jan. 1, 1953 at the age of 29.

Whether it's Hank Williams telling what it's like to be

"so-o-o lo-onesome," or Waylon Jennings wailing about Thelma ("the gal that made a wreck out of me") or Jimmie Rodgers' own peculiar blending of country and blues, country music is a reflection of whatever emotion the singer is feeling.

But these emotions have been influenced by changing times. The hardships of coal mining were replaced by leaving home to find work. Slavery and the Civil War brought another brand of upheaval.

Strict religion, depressions, civil rights upheavals, changing values all have affected the music. Woody Guthrie sang about the migrant farm worker, Jimmie Rodgers about the railroads, Gene Autry about the lonesome prairie. Still, the story line remained the same—pathos, misery, happiness, life itself.

But in the 1960s a clear gap started developing between the traditionalists and the newcomers. In a matter of a brief five years, Nashville's Music Row drifted away from the pure country sound. It was still loosely called country, but a lot of it wasn't. A farm boy from Arkansas named Glenn Campbell turned out "Wichita Lineman," which reportedly did \$1 million in sales the first week. Elvis Presley, who was first showcased at Ernest Tubb's Record Shop down the street from The Grand Ole Opry, wedded country to rock and became a millionaire.

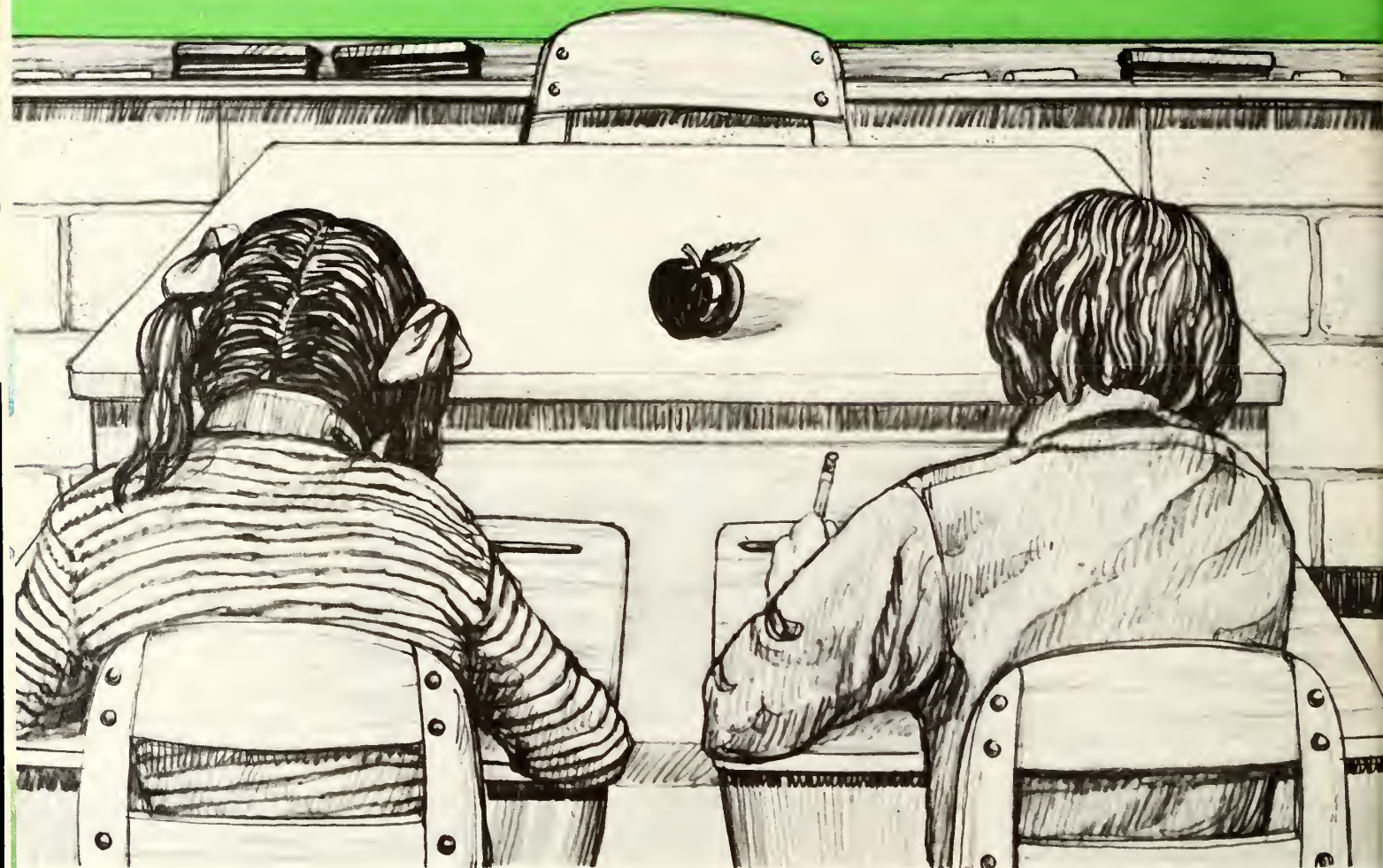
The two most significant events to hit Nashville between

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Kenny Rogers, Dolly Parton and Willie Nelson are three who've expanded the boundaries of country music.

WHO WILL TEACH THE CHILDREN?



Within three years, there will be a severe shortage of qualified teachers unless corrective action is taken now

By Robert A. Hamilton

During the 1970s, school administrators had talented teachers vying to get into their schools. A single advertisement could bring hundreds of applicants. A superintendent's major problem was sifting through the dozens of people qualified for the job. If anyone had talked of a teacher shortage in those boom times, even the experts would have laughed.

Nobody is laughing anymore. A government agency predicts that by 1986, the supply of new teachers will be 12 percent short of demand, a shortfall of more than 21,000 teachers.

The rate of enrollment in education programs in colleges is estimated to be one-half the 1972 level. This declining rate has been caused in part by the record number of potential teachers shunning the field of education to take better paying jobs in the private sector.

Compounding the problem, the quality of people opting for the education field as they enter college is dropping. A Department of Education study shows the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores for teacher candidates dropping steadily since the early 1970s. The 1982 scores averaged 809—compared to an average of 890

for all other students taking the test. Most competitive colleges require an applicant to score a minimum of 1,100 on the SATs to be considered for admission. "You can be sure someone will be teaching the subjects," said Terry Herndon, executive director of the National Education Association, "but likely it is going to be someone with inadequate credentials, and that means the schools are going to suffer."

For some schools, the pending teacher shortage is not a prediction. Superintendents say they now receive, perhaps, a dozen applications for positions that would have brought 100 seekers five years ago. Of that dozen, they are lucky to find one qualified for the spot. A survey conducted by the federal government of schools across the country showed 25 percent of the school districts started the 1981 school year with one or more vacancies on their staff. A poll of rural school districts in the Midwest revealed teacher shortages in all but two subjects for over half the districts reporting.

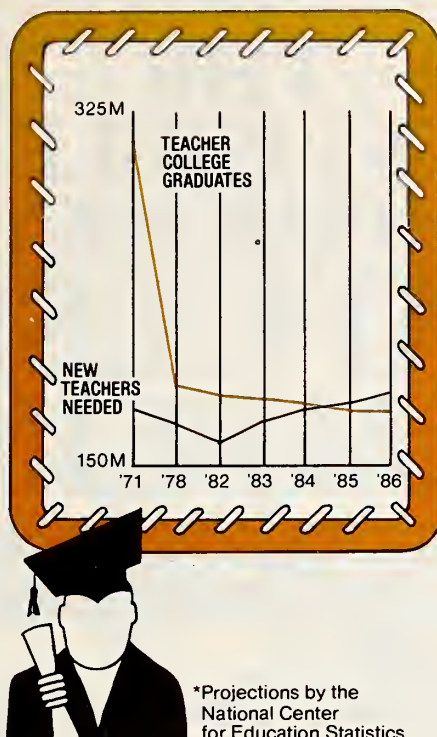
According to statistics from the Department of Education, there has been a 77 percent decline nationally in the number of mathematics teachers prepared to teach at the secondary level, and a 65 percent decline in science teachers. Other shortages appear in special education and vocational education, where advanced degrees bring only a little extra remuneration on payday.

The reason most frequently cited for the downturn in growth of the number of teachers is the pay scale. Never an outstanding field in terms of compensation, the last 10 years have seen a decline of 10 percent in the average teacher salary. But pay isn't the only reason—long-time teachers and administrators say it's only the final indignity.

"We are given the job of educating the youth," said William Zimmerman, treasurer of United Teachers-Los Angeles, during Congressional hearings last November, "and yet, we have none of the control, none of the resources needed. It is just one teacher and 30, 35 or 40 students in a classroom, without the kind of tools needed to do a good job."

"So I think that is one of the problems: we can't attract new people to the profession because the profession doesn't look, in the mind's eye of many teacher job seekers, like the kind of exciting job that it might have been in the past."

One of the major reasons cited for leaving the job is the lack of respect from students, parents and, in some cases, administrators. A Gallup poll in August 1981 showed that public opinion of teachers was no longer declin-



ing, but neither was it making any gains against drops of the last two decades.

Gina Puchol-Salva taught at the Norwich Free Academy in Connecticut for four years before taking a few years off to raise a family. When she returned to the job market four years later, she didn't consider teaching again. Instead, after scanning the want ads, she applied for a spot as a bail commissioner. During the job interview, she was told that many of the men and women she would be dealing with would be surly, uncooperative and at times, violent. "I told them, fine," she recounts. "That

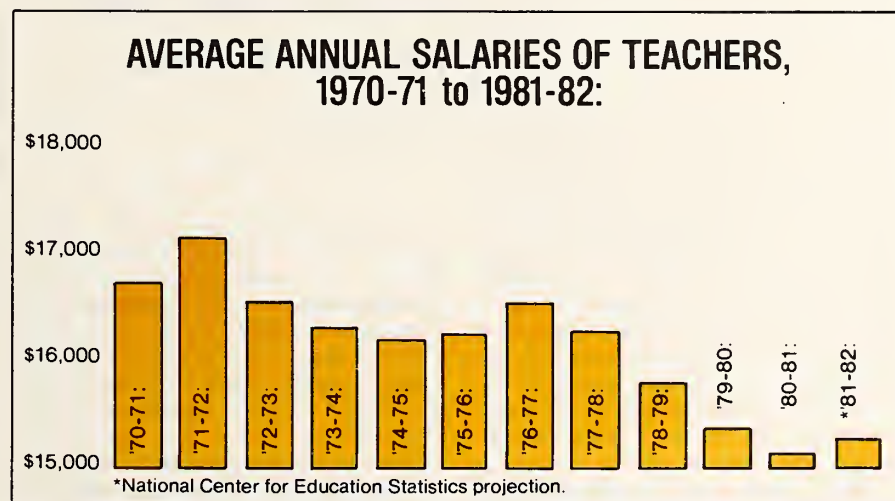
sounds wonderful compared to what I did my last four years of work. And I still think that what I'm doing now (as bail commissioner) is easier than what I did at Norwich High School."

Teachers complain that the students are undisciplined and the parents are unwilling to take the blame or to back the teachers when they try to enforce rules. Then, when grades suffer because a teacher's time is spent maintaining order in the classroom rather than teaching, parents voice loud protests.

Other problems frequently cited are the increasing paperwork and extra duties being foisted on teachers. As local education appropriations are slashed, more schools are cutting the aides and unskilled workers from their staffs and teachers must fill the resulting void. "If I worked five days a week," bemoaned one ex-teacher, "maybe 10 percent of my time was actually spent teaching. The rest of the time, I was a secretary—I started each day with a stack of forms five inches high that had to be filled out. Or I was babysitter, club adviser, chaperon, hall monitor or any of a dozen others. I didn't realize how hard I was working until I took another job."

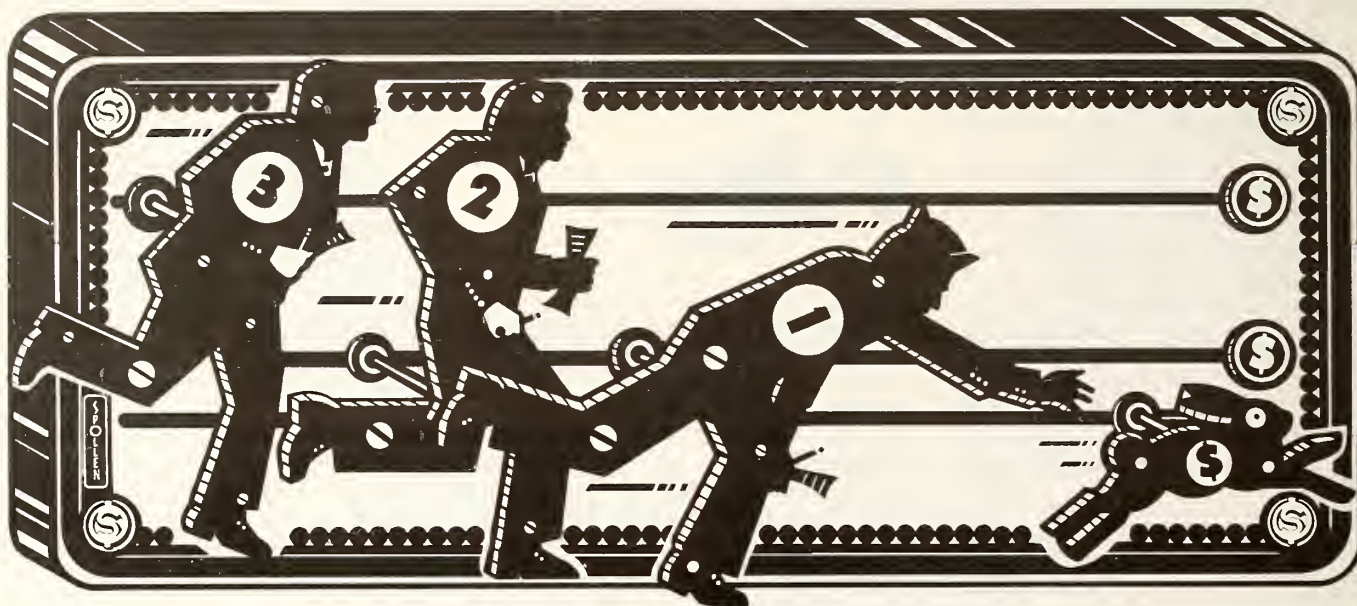
Paul A. Loughran, assistant superintendent of the Mahopac, N.Y., central school district, had this to say during hearings in Washington, D.C., last year about the increased paper load on teachers: "Professional responsibilities mandate that the staff rise above the bureaucratic paper flow . . . The institutions have a responsibility to provide as paper free and productive a climate as possible. The concern of the individual professional should and must be focused on their current charges."

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Money is the main reason good teachers are leaving the field, while their qualified replacements are seeking alternate careers. During the past 10 years, teacher salaries have dropped an average of 10 percent.

THE INVISIBLE EPIDEMIC: COMPULSIVE GAMBLING



CHRIS SPOLLEN

By Dr. Arthur S. Freese

Compulsive gambling is a hidden disease, which may afflict as many as 4 million Americans and seriously damages 10 times that number. The suffering and disintegration of its victims has been recorded by our news media with reports of a compulsive gambler (CG) who awakened from major surgery and stole out of the hospital, still bleeding, to cash a phony check and visit his bookie; another who—in five years—accumulated \$1 million worth of losing racetrack and betting parlor tickets; a teen-ager who killed an aged widow for a few hundred dollars to pay gambling debts; a man who came home from the track to find his father dead of a heart attack and, before doing anything else, went through the parent's pockets in a search for more gambling money.

Arnold Wexler is Vice President of The National Council on Compulsive Gambling—and a recovering compulsive gambler. Now 45 years old, "Arnie" hasn't gambled in over 14 years,

As many as 40 million Americans may be touched by this hidden disease

but he's still acutely aware that the disease "is inside you and liable to explode tomorrow—the only time it's cured is when they put you in that box and nail the lid down." Like other experts, he is concerned that this addiction has now reached epidemic proportions.

The Commission on the Review of the National Policy toward Gambling was established in 1970 by Congress and has conducted nearly three dozen studies and surveys for its report, "Gambling In America." The commis-

sion estimated that in 1975 we had over 1 million CGs and more than 3 million potential ones (whose gambling habits indicated they would eventually become compulsives too). But today, Joseph A. Dunne—President and Executive Director of the National Council on Compulsive Gambling—believes we have more than 4 million compulsive gamblers. By comparison, we have an estimated 10 million alcoholics and only some half-million heroin addicts. However, compulsive gambling is as serious as either because research shows that every CG adversely affects at least 10 other people (at home and at work) as a result of his gambling problem.

The earliest dice were used in India and Iraq some 5,000 years ago. Greek and Roman myths tell of a god of gambling and luck; and gambling, though illegal, flourished in ancient Greece. Many of the Roman emperors were avid gamblers, and loaded dice were found in the ruins of Pompeii. In early America, too, gambling was as traditional as the spelling bee and

barn raising—and nearly two-thirds of all Americans placed some kind of money bet in 1974.

Where the social gambler enjoys gambling and can take it or leave it at any time, the compulsive gambler is hooked—for his whole life centers on gambling and he cannot control or stop it alone. As Dr. Robert L. Custer, America's leading expert on CGs and a psychiatrist in the Veterans Administration Central Office, explains: "It's probably the purest form of psychological addiction, for there is no drug involved." And in 1980 the American Psychiatric Association formally classified compulsive or pathological gambling in the mental illness category.

These addicts get their "highs" from gambling ("I don't really feel alive unless I'm gambling") and suffer when they can't ("I feel sort of dead inside—it doesn't seem like life has that much pleasure to offer"). When they win, they feel exhilarated, smart, bright, optimistic—and when they lose, they feel devastated because it reflects on them as persons.

Dr. Custer was himself surprised, when he first began treating gambling addicts, to find that they suffered the same withdrawal symptoms as other addicts: "They actually went through cold sweats, tremors, diarrhea, insomnia, shaking and the rest for three or four days when they first stopped."

Arnie Wexler says, "Compulsive gambling is an invisible disease. An alcoholic is obvious, you can see him and smell him, a drug addict, too, is visible—but a CG is not. He is the businessman, banker, the average guy on the street." He recalls one such addict who went through over \$350,000 in the four years following his first bet of \$5 on a ballgame. "But he never went into a casino and didn't know what a deck of cards was like—he just bet on sports."

Wexler himself began gambling when he was eight, playing marbles and cards with the kids on his block, and was betting at racetracks by 14. But "no one can tell when you cross that invisible line to become a compulsive gambler." He would bet thousands on a football game, or get into nickel-and-dime poker games when nothing else was available. At times he couldn't pay the bridge toll on the way home from the track—or would use his last dime to phone in a bet for several thousand dollars.

Dr. Custer has noted a change in the sexual balance—where in the mid-1970s the male compulsive gamblers outnumbered the female by some five to one, this has now dropped to three to one, and he expects it to be one-to-one by the end of the '80s. He finds the CG—before his first bet—is "usually bright, energetic, articulate, competi-

legally and, increasingly, from illegal sources. They feel badly at failing to achieve their fantasies, experience remorse and even panic. They may become severely depressed as creditors threaten or their marriages end—and suicidal thoughts or even attempts occur. For example, Wexler recalls driving home from the track, "wishing I had the guts to smash the car across the highway into another car or hoping I would go off the bridge and be killed—even wishing my wife would die so I wouldn't have to face telling her what I'd been doing. That last part was what made me seek help."

Dr. Robert M. Politzer, Director of The Johns Hopkins University Compulsive Gambling Counseling Center, describes their typical client: he or she has \$15,000 to \$80,000 in gambling debts; has earned up to \$100,000 a year, but no longer has a stable job; is involved in or facing legal proceedings; generally owes a vast amount to everyone (family, friends, business associates, every imaginable kind of lending institution, loan sharks).

The underlying causes for this addictive behavior are not yet agreed upon. Some see such behavior as a socially approved, vicarious way of expressing hostile, violent and even homicidal urges. Others regard it as an attempt to obtain immediate gratification through aggressive risk-taking and a childlike reliance on luck, magic and superstitions.

The personality of addicted gamblers is often classified as extremely anxious and such people tend to have unrealistically high or low aspirations (which may explain their wild betting and constant expectations of "the big win"). One psychoanalytic view is that CGs are masochists with an unconscious desire to lose (which is why they keep betting when winning, until it's all lost). Still another explanation is that such addicts were given unreasonable demands or neglected in childhood, have low self-esteem and try to use gambling to prove themselves and satisfy their hunger for power and importance.

Dr. Custer finds that compulsive gamblers follow a similar pattern: "What really hooks them is winning—invariably they start off by winning a substantial amount and that's the bait that pulls them in. Being bright, hardworking and so on, they study the games and some do well

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HERE'S HELP

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT COMPULSIVE GAMBLING

Gamblers Anonymous: addresses and telephone numbers of local GA groups can be found in the telephone directory of most large cities. Or you can contact Gamblers Anonymous P.O. Box 17173, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

Gam Anon: Contact a local unit or: Gam Anon, 148 West 49th Street, New York, NY 10019. 212-391-0911

National Council On Compulsive Gambling: this also has many local units. Its national headquarters is: 99 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10016. 212-686-6160.

National Foundation For The Study And Treatment Of Pathological Gambling: Suite 308, AMA Bldg., 1101 Vermont Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. 202-789-1666.

tive, hardworking, industrious and considered destined to succeed." Most experts feel that the first bet is generally made before the age of 14, but addicts range from 16 to 70.

Typically the CG is a big winner in the beginning; obviously this doesn't last. As they begin to lose, their personality changes. They become irritable, restless, withdrawn and sensitive to rejection. They borrow heavily—



Rebirth of the

New Jersey's 16-inch guns are shown being fired during one of her previous lives. Center, the "new" New Jersey steams off Southern California. Far right, the Vulcan/Phalanx weapons system gets a workout.



PHOTO: WIDE WORLD

By Tom Gerard

ITEM: The Navy announces its intention to refit four Iowa-class battleships and return them to the active fleet. They solicit volunteer crewmen for the 1,800 slots on USS *New Jersey* (BB-62), the first ship to come out of mothballs. More than 6,000 volunteer, including hundreds of ex-battleship sailors and retired Navy men and women.

ITEM: *New Jersey's* public affairs officer says the bags of letters—congratulations to the crew, requests from young and old for photos, notes from well-wishers, ex-crewmen and just plain lovers of battleships—threaten to paralyze the ship's post office.

ITEM: Navy Secretary John F. Lehman, admitting the outpouring of interest and support for the ship as she entered active service for the fourth time caught Navy planners by surprise, calls it, "The worst case of battleship fever I've ever seen."

"Doesn't surprise me one darn bit,"

said 74-year-old Hubert Buck as he stood in the shadows cast by *New Jersey's* 16-inch guns. "I'd sail with her again if I were just a bit younger."

Buck was one of a number of former *New Jersey* crewmen who traveled to Long Beach, Calif., shortly after the ship's recommissioning for a reunion with his old shipmates and an opportunity to get a close-up look at the "new" *New Jersey*.

"She looks awfully good for a 40-year-old lady. But I can look at her now and remember when we put her in commission back in '43. We were the best people in the world. We were better than anybody else. Darn, we had to be the best. We were building the best ship in the world."

ITEM: No U.S. battleship was ever lost at sea in action with the enemy. And no U.S. aircraft carrier was ever sunk that was being screened by a battleship.

"There's an aura about a battleship," said Lt. Cdr. Eric Willenbrock, one of *New Jersey's* present-day officers. "It's their majesty, their size,



he Battlewagon

what they've meant to American seapower and diplomacy since the time of Teddy Roosevelt's 'Great White Fleet.' There's a magnetism about this ship that draws people to it. Sort of 'The Biggest Kid in Town' syndrome."

It cost taxpayers \$362 million to take *New Jersey* out of mothballs (where she'd spent about 13 years since her Vietnam War duty), spruce her up and add new armament. Navy planners say that equates to the cost of building the much smaller *Perry*-class frigate. But in this instance, *New Jersey's* 12 to 17 inches of armor plating throughout represents a construction feat that would be virtually impossible to duplicate today.

"There's no ship in the world," Willenbrock said, "in any Navy, that has more than an inch-and-a-half of armor, including our carriers."

"So if *New Jersey* were built from scratch today, the estimated cost runs from \$2-to-5 billion. That's as much or more than a Nimitz-class aircraft carrier, America's largest U.S. Navy ship."

ITEM: Critics of the battleship call her "USS *Sitting Duck*" and point out that a single French-made Exocet missile sank a British destroyer during the Falkland Islands crisis.

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The Lady's Statistics

USS *New Jersey* (BB-62) is the second U.S. battleship to bear that name and the only ship to have been placed back in active service four times. Originally commissioned May 23, 1943, she served in the Pacific during WWII, acting, at various times, as flagship for Adm. Halsey's 3rd Fleet and Adm. Spruance's 5th Fleet. At war's end, she had earned nine battle stars.

Decommissioned in 1948, she returned to the active fleet at the outbreak of the Korean War, providing bombardment of enemy shore installations and anti-air defense. *New Jersey* received four additional battle stars for her Korean War service.

She was once again decommissioned in August 1957 and placed in the reserve fleet at Bayonne, N.J. She was recommissioned for the third time in 1968 for service in Vietnam. During her year of service, *New Jersey* was awarded the Navy Unit Commendation and two additional battle stars.

She was decommissioned for the third time on December 17, 1969. In 1981, the decision to once again reactivate *New Jersey* was made and funding provided.

The ship is 887.5 feet long, and slightly more than 108 feet in her beam. The full load displacement is 58,000 tons.

The battleship is powered by eight 600 PSI boilers and four geared turbine engines that provide up to 212,000 shaft horsepower.

New Jersey's armor ranges in thickness from 12 inches on the hull, to as much as 17.3 inches on the turret faces and in the bridge area.

Her conventional armament includes nine 16-inch guns and six 5-inch/38 caliber twin-mount guns. She has also been outfitted with the

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U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY HAROLD GERWIEN



At right, an American-made Israeli F4 Phantom flies over Beirut, Lebanon. Below, a Palestinian commando is shown armed with a Soviet-made SAM 9 anti-aircraft missile launcher.



The Mideast: Great Technological Laboratory



By Ernest Cuneo

For the past 15 years, the Israeli-Arab wars have been battlefield laboratories for a deadly technological war waged by Soviet scientists against American and Israeli scientists. In effect, the Israeli-Arab wars are the testing grounds for the latest weapons being considered for use should there be a World War III.

This deadly means of gauging the effectiveness of new weapons was introduced by Hitler in the Spanish Civil War of the late 1930s. In Spain, as Franco's undeclared ally, Hitler ordered Göring to ascertain how effective the Luftwaffe was under actual combat conditions. Had Göring's Luftwaffe been beaten in Spain, World War II might not have occurred. However, so effective was the Luftwaffe, that the bombings of Guernica and Burgos presaged the fearful Nazi bombings of London, Warsaw, Coventry and dozens of other cities.

In unleashing the Four Horsemen in the skies, however, Hitler also unwittingly initiated a technological war.

American technology subsequently drove his Luftwaffe from the Western skies as it stampeded its own horsemen across the skies of Germany. Their rain of heavy bombs again validated the Scriptural admonition that he who lives by the sword, dies by the sword.

Hence, the diplomatic effect of recent events on Lebanese battlefields cannot be overestimated. The Israeli defense forces have annihilated the most modern Soviet equipment yet to see combat. Since all of Soviet foreign policy is predicated on the tremendous amount of military armament massed against Western Europe, it follows that the utter defeat visited on the Soviet material heavily compromises the Soviet threat to Western Europe. Israel has won time for the West. "Back to the drawing board" rather than "On to the Channel" is the natural consequence of this third cataclysmic defeat of Soviet technology in actual battle.

As the first battle of ironclads be-

tween the *Merrimac* and the *Monitor* marked the beginning of modern navies, a new principle of warfare was discovered at the Battle of Mortain in World War II. When the American armies broke out of Normandy and headed south to Brittany, their line of communications was only three miles from the sea at Avranches. Allied intelligence, through the breaking of the German Master Code by "Ultra," listened in as Hitler ordered the German panzer tanks to attack. Hitler, despite the warning of German Gen. Gunther von Kluge that his whole left flank was collapsing, ordered the 250 panzers to mass at Mortain and cut off American communications at Avranches.

However, Allied radar could see at night where Hitler was blind, and could hear the slightest of communications thousands of miles away. Precisely, Allied intelligence knew Hitler's battle plans; more importantly, he did not know they knew.

Allied intelligence had been deeply interested in air-to-ground warfare, as distinct from bombing. Analysis of air-to-ground warfare in nature returned an answer astonishing to many: the most feared attack in nature is air-to-ground, that of a swarm of hornets before which even the lion, King of the Jungle, fled. Further study

noted that birds attack snakes from behind, where they are blind, and away from their fangs, which strike forward only. Thus was born the concept that tanks, like snakes, were blind from behind and, like snakes, struck forward primarily.

Applying this principle, the British carefully planned to attack tanks from the air, from behind. To effect this, the British created a new type of fighter. They removed the ordinary armament of their Typhoon fighters and placed four rockets under each wing. This gave each airplane the firepower of a five-inch cruiser at 1,000 yards—too heavy a broadside for even a heavy panzer to withstand. The attacking planes were called Rockphoons.

The ensuing Battle of Mortain is a classic example from start to finish of how decisive in battle is technological superiority. When Hitler ordered that 100 Luftwaffe fighters fly from Paris to arrive over Mortain at dawn, Allied night fighters were waiting for them. Not one got through the ambush. When the German tanks struck out in the clearing mists, the planes they thought were their defenders were, instead, their destroyers ready to swoop in for the kill. Success was literally flaming: 175 panzers were "flamers" and 40 more were disabled "smokers."

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Above, a Soviet-made Mig 25 of the Algerian air force is shown making a low pass during a parade. Below, a destroyed Soviet-made T62 tank used by Syrian units in Southern Lebanon is left behind by retreating units.



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News To Use

Money Market Account Guidelines

If you're thinking about opening a money-market account with a bank or thrift institution because of attractive interest rates and FDIC-FSLIC insurance, be sure you understand in advance that:

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2. Interest rates will vary from bank to bank, because different institutions use different indices on which to base their payouts. Moreover, some institutions graduate their rates, i.e., the more you deposit, the more you get.
3. Read the ads before you make a decision. However, inasmuch as the ads understandably will paint the rosier picture possible, investigate the rules governing the account you choose before you sign the agreement or deposit your money.

Video Recording Is In The Spotlight

Because the sale of video recorders and tape recorders has been booming, the movie people—cheered on by the phonograph industry—are going to the Supreme Court and Congress to stop what they think is illegal appropriation of their artistic property.

Right off, don't let all the hoopla deter you from buying the machines. No matter how the battle turns out, you are in the clear so long as you tape for personal use only. Eventually, though, the prices of equipment could go up slightly if the movie people win. Here's why:

1. As things stand now, the copyright law allows you to copy creative material providing you don't deprive the author of revenue. On that presumption, the video and tape recording industries have flooded the market with recorders.
 2. But now the movie makers want the law changed so that even duplication for strictly personal use would be subject to a fee. Otherwise, says Hollywood, the sale of movie tickets and cassettes (as well as phonograph records) will plummet disastrously.
 3. Inasmuch as it would be impossible to collect fees from millions of tapers, the movie people want to get their money from the makers of duplicating equipment—not from you. That could add maybe \$25 to \$50 to the price of video recorders and a few cents to the price of blank tape.
- In any event, the outcome of the battle won't be known for months, maybe even years. Meantime, the video recording industry is expecting a huge sales rise this year after a 2-million-unit bonanza last year. One reason: Prices have come way down, and now are only about half what they were a couple of years ago. In shopping around, remember: There are two recording systems—VHS and Beta—neither of which is compatible with the other.

Keep Your Eye On These

No Frills: Cigarettes have become the No. 1 seller (in dollar volume) among generic ("no frills") products and are expected to rise still higher because of new excise taxes. Only one major company makes them now (and advertises it), but others are likely to follow if the boom persists. Also high on the generic best-seller list: paper products of all types, frozen orange juice, pet foods, peanut butter, laundry detergents.

Newcomers: Marketers who keep track of new products say that store shelves are being flooded with new health and gourmet goods, followed by beauty preparations and frozen foods. Probable reason: the products are relatively inexpensive and fit into today's "physical fitness" mood. Good bets for the future: More macaroni, potato and rice products (they're easy on the pocketbook).

Phones: Now that the phone company is phasing out phone rentals, the rush to buy personal equipment is on. Two tips: 1) find out how to install the phone yourself—otherwise the phone company will charge you for installation (though not for picking up old equipment); 2) be sure you know what kind of line you have, because a Touch-Tone won't work on a rotary line.

By Edgar A. Grunwald

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Veterans' Update

The Legion has told Congress a four-step nuclear arms policy is necessary for peace. In recent testimony before the House Foreign Relations Committee, members of the Legion's National Security, Foreign Relations and Legislative Commissions said that in order to restore and maintain a credible nuclear deterrent, while working toward reduced levels of armament, four sequential steps are required. First, the United States must modernize its nuclear forces to restore the efficacy of its nuclear deterrent triad. To convince ally and adversary alike of our determination to protect our freedom, maintenance of a credible nuclear deterrent across the entire spectrum of capabilities is indispensable. Second, the United States must offset the Soviet SS-20 missile threat to NATO Europe, preferably through arms negotiations, but through deployment of Pershing II and ground-launched cruise missiles if necessary and as requested by NATO nations. Third, having restored a credible nuclear deterrent force and offset the Soviet SS-20 ploy, the United States would be in a sound position to negotiate significant, mutual, equitable, verifiable reductions in nuclear forces with the Soviet Union. Fourth the Legion Commission members also said that, after achieving mutual reductions, a nuclear freeze would serve to prevent subsequent expansion of nuclear forces by either side. This nuclear freeze would be one arrived at from a position of equality between the superpowers; therefore the likelihood of cheating by either side would be reduced. During the same testimony, the Legion warned the congressmen that an immediate nuclear freeze without such a four-step strategy would: lock in current Soviet advantages by preventing necessary modernization of U.S. nuclear forces; undercut U.S. leadership in NATO because the huge Soviet SS-20 missile force would be left in place without any offset; remove the Soviet's incentive to negotiate reductions in nuclear forces and create opportunities for further upset of the superpowers' strategic relationship by freezing offensive but not defensive weapons. The testimony was made in support of the Legion's resolution on nuclear arms control passed during the Chicago National Convention last year. Legionnaires are urged to contact their representatives in the House in support of the Legion's four-step strategy.

The Legion is going one-on-one with Congressional draft registration opponents. Reps. Martin Sabo, D-Minn., and Bill Green, R-N.Y., say Americans don't want young men to register with the Selective Service System and have introduced a bill that would kill the \$4 million appropriated for draft registration during the coming year. In response, Natl. Cdr. Al Keller Jr., reminded the Congressmen of the reasons registration was initiated in the first place: "The \$4 million cost of registration this year is one of the cheapest insurance policies available," he said. "The president's military manpower task force determined two months ago that in the event of a national emergency and general mobilization, pre-registration for the draft would save six weeks in rein-

forcing our military services. This translates into saving American lives. I would say their (Sabo and Green's) efforts to do away with registration only discourage young people from complying with the law and create confusion. We certainly deplore this effect." Keller noted that, "the manpower pool of service-eligible young men is dwindling," and that, "this is clearly not the time to abolish our modest system of postcard registration. Instead, we should be looking beyond this economic time of troubles to recovery, and the difficulty then of filling the country's military manpower needs."

Last month we warned of an attack on beneficiary allowances, which are travel payments for veterans having to go long distances for care at VA hospitals. We also reported that a cut in these allowances might be forthcoming because of a Justice Department opinion that interprets the payment as discretionary and not obligatory. While VA might have used the Justice opinion to reduce funds in the VA budget, this is not reflected in the proposed budget for fiscal year 1984. In fact, the new budget proposal calls for an increase of \$6 million in the beneficiary travel account. Notwithstanding this news, the Legion will continue to monitor decisions rendered on applications for the travel allowance. Department and Post Service Officers have been warned to report to National Headquarters any pattern of irregularities in these award decisions.

The cost of mailing Post newsletters and other Legion materials could almost double by next year. The Administration continues to press for elimination of the postal subsidy that would push non-profit postal rates up by as much as 100 percent. Budget requests for the subsidy, some \$400 million, represent less than half the amount required to keep rates at the current level. In many cases, depending on what class of mail is at issue, this amounts to a 3-4 cents per piece increase. For example, a Department publication with a readership of 5,000 currently pays 4.3 cents per piece. Without the appropriate subsidy, the cost would rise to 7.6 cents per piece. While talk of pennies sounds insignificant, the cost to the Department publication with 5,000 readers would rise from \$2,580 per year to \$4,560 per year—and that's not penny ante. The Legion has advised Congress we support appropriate postal subsidy funding so as not to jeopardize important communication channels among our members.

The Veterans Reemployment Rights Act has been upheld by a class action suit recently won in Pennsylvania. Nearly 500 former railroad employees will receive a pension credit for their military service as the result of a recent class-action suit brought by the Justice Department. The suit was filed on behalf of one former employee who had applied for and been denied pension credit for military service. Subsequent investigations revealed that several hundred former employees faced the same problem.

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Agent Orange

Update

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In 1969, the men of Charlie Company were members of a tiny segment of Americans who'd been made unknowing players in a potentially tragic drama. Today, more than 14 years later, there is a growing roster of participants—Vietnam veterans and Americans who've never stepped out of their home towns—who've been dragged into the controversy surrounding Agent Orange dioxin.

Act I saw the Vietnam veteran at center stage, demanding answers to the question of Agent Orange's effect on the human body. The participants in this, the first act of our drama, were greeted with a collective set of bad reviews that reflected indifference, apathy or a lack of knowledge.

Bit players included a scientific community with other, "more important" things to do, a Veterans Administration without answers—or an apparent unwillingness to find them—and a "laid-back" national attitude that refused to acknowledge a war (and its participants) they'd just as soon forget.

If the analogy of Agent Orange exposure as drama is to be carried one step further, then we must admit that bad shows with bad players and bad reviews tend to quickly fold and be forgotten.

But that's where the analogy dies and any assumptions of similarity must end.

Last year, in a three-part series entitled "Agent Orange: Time Bomb or Dud?" *The American Legion Magazine* reported on the struggle of Vietnam veterans to find answers to the potentially life-threatening questions arising from their exposure to dioxin—a contaminant of the herbicide Agent Orange used to deprive the enemy of cover in Vietnam—and of the federal government's fitful attempts at searching for answers. We detailed legal, scientific and bureaucratic efforts undertaken that reflected well-meaning but misguided intentions, frustratingly hazy efforts or small starts.

Our conclusions then were that while the VA and the scientific community had sketched a preliminary map through the maze of confusing and conflicting claims arising over Agent Orange, they still had a long road to travel. And the Vietnam veteran, particularly, had a life-and-death stake in seeing that road traveled as rapidly—and as accurately—as possible.

In this article, we'll examine the progress made by these various scientific efforts. We'll also describe how dangerously high levels of dioxin contamination have been found in soil samples taken in American communities located near hazardous waste dumps—thus making some Americans at home still one more group of unwill-

ing participants in the controversy. And we'll consider some new initiatives that have been launched by various sectors of our society.

Our purpose in compiling this information is basic to our being members of The American Legion and is articulated in the preamble to our constitution: "We associate ourselves together . . . to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness." Mutual helpfulness is why The American Legion has been in the forefront of efforts to see solutions are found to the questions of Agent Orange. And it is the reason why we will continue monitoring, evaluating and applying pressure—where necessary—to the participants who are searching for valid answers.

VA Agent Orange Study Transferred to the Centers for Disease Control

The most significant development in recent months has been the transfer of responsibilities for conducting a long-overdue epidemiological study on the health effects of Agent Orange from the Veterans Administration to the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

That study was first mandated by Public Law 96-151 back in December 1979. The Legion immediately voiced its opposition to that portion of the law assigning responsibility for the study to the VA, noting that the study should be conducted by an independent scientific agency rather than the VA so that the results would be more acceptable to Vietnam veterans and their families. Further, we questioned whether the VA had on its scientific staff the personnel with the specialized skills—such as in epidemiology—to conduct a scientifically valid study.

After being prodded by the Legion and members of Congress, the VA asked CDC in October 1982 to take over responsibility for conducting the study and an interagency agreement to do so was signed January 14, 1983—more than three years after the study was first directed.

Under terms of the agreement, the CDC is acquiring operational responsibility only for the Public Law-mandated Agent Orange study. The VA will continue to conduct other research described in detail below.

The interagency agreement includes
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Agent Orange & The Vietnam Veteran

Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange have reported a variety of symptoms. These include: chloracne, liver damage, loss of sex drive, changes in skin color and sensitivity to light, numbness or tingling in the extremities, psychological changes, sore joints, cancer and birth defects in offspring.

If you have been exposed to Agent Orange, regardless of whether or not you have manifested any of the symptoms, it is in your best interest to participate in an Agent Orange physical examination at the nearest VA medical facility.

Your participation is necessary if the VA is to accumulate the large amount of data required to begin making scientific determinations of Agent Orange's effect on the human body.

There have been problems with the exam in the past. To see the exams are administered as effectively and completely as necessary, The American Legion continues to monitor the program at VA medical care facilities throughout the country. The monitoring program is being accomplished by the use of questionnaires that the Legion asks to be completed by Vietnam veterans who have received the examination by the VA, through site visits at VA medical centers by American Legion Field Representatives, and through contacts with Vietnam veterans by Legion Service Officers.

As a result of the Legion's continued interest in making sure that Vietnam veterans are examined and treated in a thorough and compassionate manner, recommendations to the VA have brought about changes in policy. For example, the Legion advised VA that there were problems in scheduling examinations in some medical centers, and widespread dissatisfaction with the lack of information Vietnam veterans were getting about the results of their exams.

The VA Agent Orange Projects Office in Washington, D.C., has subsequently instructed all medical facilities to reduce the amount of time between scheduling and completion of examinations; schedule them on weekends and evenings where necessary; and advise the veterans of the findings of the examinations at the time they are completed, as well as by

letter, following the veterans' visit.

Further, Vietnam veterans are reminded that the Agent Orange examination in no way constitutes a claim for benefits. If you have incurred a disability you feel was caused by your exposure to Agent Orange, you are urged to file a claim with the VA through Legion Service Officers.



Although the claim may be denied, the disability will be on record for possible consideration at a later date, when more reliable scientific information may be available upon which a claim can be based.

Finally, Vietnam veterans are reminded that rhetoric is cheap. Much of the difficulty that marked initial efforts to begin solving the riddle of Agent Orange stemmed from individuals and organizations apparently more interested in media exposure than concern for Agent

Orange exposure. It doesn't make any difference how loud a group shouts, if they've got nothing of substance to shout about.

It is the position of The American Legion that Vietnam veterans—regardless of whether or not they are members of the Legion—are entitled to scientifically valid answers to the questions posed by exposure to Agent Orange. We will continue to monitor all aspects of the

search for those answers. And our experts will continue to sit on the various governmental and scientific panels that have been tasked to find those answers, doing all they can to see the rights and needs of veterans are fairly and reputably represented.

Our federal charter mandates our unequivocal support for and assistance to the veteran and his family. It's a mandate we've borne proudly for 64 years. And it's a mandate, we feel, that bears with it more responsibility than it ever has.



an initial \$3 million provided by the VA to launch CDC's investigations. The CDC has also received the scientific protocol for the study that many cite as the primary reason for the study's ongoing delay in getting started. The protocol—which is a scientific road map of how to proceed in the quest for answers—was initially developed by the UCLA School of Public Health under contract to the VA. The initial protocol was completed in November 1981 and farmed-out to various Congressional and scientific panels for review and comment. The consensus was that it wasn't even a good start and the protocol was returned to UCLA for refinement.

The protocol the CDC has today is the result of further development and re-reviews. Congressional, scientific and private sector people who've examined the current protocol privately admit they're still not convinced it is scientifically valid. But they're quick to voice their belief in CDC's ability to make the necessary refinements.

And, it seems, their confidence in the CDC is well placed. The CDC operates under the wing of the Department of Health and Human Services and enjoys a worldwide reputation as medical super sleuths who find answers where others have failed. Their 3,500-member staff includes precisely the mix of skills—physicians, epidemiologists, microbiologists and others—that can best find answers. In addition, these scientists have at their disposal what are commonly accepted as the most sophisticated and extensive laboratory facilities in the world. (For more about the work done by the CDC, see "The Disease Detectives," in the March 1982 issue of *The American Legion Magazine*.)

CDC is recommending that the research include, besides the Agent Orange study, a study of the effects of other environmental and chemical hazards. This effort is known as a "Vietnam Experience Study."

Realizing the possible implications of the wide range of herbicides, pesticides, other chemicals and tropical

diseases (some rare) to which some U.S. soldiers were exposed in Southeast Asia, The American Legion strongly supports the expanded scope of the CDC investigation.

Congress authorized such an expansion in Public Law 97-72, passed in November 1981. That same legislation, which the Legion supported, authorizes priority medical care at VA medical centers for conditions incurred by Vietnam veterans that *may* be caused by Agent Orange exposure.

The CDC study will include some 30,000 Vietnam and non-Vietnam veterans to be selected by the Army Agent Orange Task Force.

The American Legion, however, has voiced one concern they have with the interagency agreement. Noting that the agreement permits the CDC five years to complete their work, Natl. Cdr. Al Keller Jr., said, "Our only regret is that scientific answers to the troubling questions of veterans and their families won't be finalized sooner. The American Legion is not going to put this in the closet until 1987. We will urge the timely release of all relevant findings as they become available to CDC."

Keller subsequently said he was initially pleased with contacts between CDC staff members and the Legion that underscore the CDC's commitment to keeping the lines of communication open between interested parties as the study progresses.

CDC Birth Defects Study

The CDC's involvement in scientific matters concerning the Vietnam veteran and Agent Orange began long before they accepted responsibility from the VA for the major Agent Orange study. As part of initial Agent Orange research efforts begun three years ago, the CDC—which has been studying birth defects in children for a number of years—was asked to include in their research certain Vietnam veteran-specific efforts as well.

They are collecting data on 7,500 families in the Atlanta area who have given birth to children with major structural malformations. The children of Vietnam veterans are being further identified in the study. Thus, if it is demonstrated that Vietnam veterans have an increased chance of fathering a child with birth defects, it must then be determined if the increase is associated with exposure to

Agent Orange or some other factor. The CDC expects to report preliminary results by late Fall 1983.

The Worker Dioxin Registry

The CDC's National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has also been engaged in Agent Orange research. Recently, they reported steady progress in the development of the Worker Dioxin Registry.

The registry will include work and exposure histories of people engaged in the manufacture of 2,4,5-T, the component of Agent Orange containing dioxin. The plan is to determine whether or not these industrial workers are at greater risk of unusual patterns of illness or death as a result of working with the chemical.

Since 1979, NIOSH has been collecting work histories going back to the 1940's. They expect to make their preliminary analysis of the early results of their study in late 1983.

The Air Force Ranch Hand Study

During the Vietnam War, Air Force air crewmen and ground support personnel who participated in "Operation Ranch Hand," the aerial spraying of Agent Orange throughout South Vietnam, were repeatedly exposed to the herbicide. The Air Force's Ranch Hand study of these 1,200 people began in 1979 and, it appears, is the Agent Orange study that has been least plagued by miscues and false starts.

The study consists of three elements: (1) a mortality study (death), (2) a morbidity study (disease, including birth defects in offspring), and (3) follow-up. Besides Ranch Hand participants, the study also includes a number of people in a comparison group.

Early critics of the Ranch Hand study protocol questioned whether Ranch Hand personnel—many of whom have since left the service and taken airline jobs requiring excellent health—would agree to participate. In a recent appearance before the House Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, Maj. Gen. Murphy A. Chesney, Air Force deputy surgeon general, said the participation rate of Ranch Hand personnel has been high.

"The participation of the subjects has been very gratifying," he said. "Currently, 97 percent (1,159) of the Ranch Hand subjects have chosen to participate."

Chesney also had some preliminary findings to report to the committee: "Although more extensive analyses and comparisons remain to be done, preliminary findings indicate the overall crude mortality of the Ranch Hand and comparison groups have been very similar. Based on the 60 deaths identified, excluding the 22 killed in action, no statistically significant differences in total death rates have been found between the Ranch Hand group and the comparison group. Both groups appear to have experienced significantly less mortality than a similarly aged U.S. white male population, indicating a healthy worker effect. However, thus far, very few deaths have occurred in the study groups and these deaths represent only a very early assessment of mortality."



Chesney further predicted that interim reports on all aspects of the study would be completed in the next few months, with the data from the questionnaire and examination phases of the study to be available in the April-June time period.

Army Agent Orange Task Force

Last year, we reported that one of the major sources of frustration for all parties involved in Agent Orange investigations was the problem of acquiring data from U.S. military records of combat actions and troop movements in South Vietnam. The General Accounting Office charged that Army records were neither complete nor well organized because of the rapid pullout from Vietnam. And we already know that finding out who was where when Agent Orange was dispersed is crucial to establishing a cause and effect relationship.

Today, Richard S. Christian is the chief of a greatly expanded Army Agent Orange Task Force that's been assigned the job of retrieving the records relating to Agent Orange that are needed in support of the health studies.

In a recent Congressional appearance, Christian detailed steps taken by the Army to ensure they are able to promptly and effectively respond to research demands for data.

"The staff of the task force has a trained nucleus of 11 full-time researchers. Furthermore, we are authorized to hire additional personnel as needed," he said.

"We have developed and implemented a computerized records management system for indexing Agent Orange documents to facilitate retrieval of key records. We now have over 5,000 Agent Orange and related herbicide records indexed.

"To facilitate the examination of record collections held by other government agencies, we have taken steps

to establish closer liaison with the Departments of the Navy and Air Force.

"The task force has also drawn up detailed plans for the retrieval of data that will be required as soon as the responsible agencies decide on the required characteristics of the epidemiological study cohorts.

"Finally, the basis for the general research plan is the 'Department of Defense Exposure Index Model'—a methodology to identify cohorts (study subjects) for the pending pilot and full epidemiology studies."

Christian went on to describe a complicated system of interlocking efforts designed to guarantee the accurate identification and interpretation of data required for the studies. The material he will be retrieving the data from, "the Vietnam War Collection," comprises almost 40,000 linear feet of combat records.

"The sheer size of these records is both a challenge and an opportunity," he said. "On the one hand, the vast

bulk of these records makes it difficult and expensive to research their contents. On the other hand, the richness of this collection makes it possible to undertake studies of the movements of combat battalions in areas where Agent Orange may have been sprayed. This would have been difficult or impossible to conduct with respect to any earlier conflict in which the United States was engaged."

Veterans Administration Research Activities

As previously mentioned, while the VA has relinquished responsibility for the major epidemiology study to the CDC, they retain a number of research activities dealing with Agent Orange and the Vietnam veteran. Since the initiation of the Agent Orange Registry in 1978, more than 100,000 Vietnam veterans have received an Agent Orange examination at VA health care facilities. (For a look at The American Legion's monitoring of these exams and what they entail, see the accompanying article.) In addition, they have established a Vietnam service indicator in the Patient Treatment File so that the records of Vietnam veterans may be rapidly identified and retrieved as needed.

The VA was also recently given approval to develop a study of identical twins where one twin served in Vietnam during the period of Agent Orange spraying and where the other did not serve in Southeast Asia. The study is designed to investigate whether the current psychological and physical health of Vietnam veterans was adversely affected by their military experience in Vietnam. VA plans, subject to scientific review of the protocol, to begin physical examinations of 450 pairs of identical twins in late 1983 and estimate they will have an initial report by October 1984.

They are also planning their own mortality study of Vietnam veterans. The study is designed to compare and analyze death rates and cause-of-death profiles of veterans with service in Vietnam and comparable veterans with no service in Vietnam. They estimate it will take two years to complete the studies.

Scientists know that, to a certain extent, dioxin levels can be measured in

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"Pursuing a policy of honesty and realism toward the Soviets does not mean that productive relations between our nations are impossible. What is required for such relations is restraint and reciprocity. Restraint must be demonstrated not only by words, but by deeds. We respect international law and the independence of other peoples. The Soviets need only respond in kind."—President Ronald Reagan before the 23rd Washington Conference of The American Legion.

Hundreds of Legion leaders from around the country gathered in Washington, D.C., February 20-23, to establish legislative priorities during the coming year, examine problems faced by veterans and their families and formulate policy on various Legion programs and concerns.

The lengthy list of speakers who appeared before the Legionnaires during the 23rd annual Washington Conference of The American Legion was led by President Ronald Reagan, who delivered a major foreign policy address at the conference.

During a 40-minute speech that was repeatedly interrupted by applause, Reagan clarified his administration's policies on arms control negotiations with the Soviet Union, defended his increased military budget and reviewed U.S. foreign policy initiatives taken during his first two years in office.

Appearing before other Legion forums were VA Administrator Harry N. Walters, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Edward C. Meyer, Air Force Secretary Verne Orr and Ambassadors James L. Malone and Elliot L. Richardson, among others.

An overflow crowd heard Reagan describe his administration's approach to arms control with the Soviet Union, saying that he had instructed Vice

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**When Legionnaires Come A Callin'
Capitol Hill Sits Up and Listens**

President Bush, on his recent European trip, to convey, "my willingness to meet anytime and anywhere with (Soviet leader Yuri) Andropov to sign an agreement that would eliminate an entire class of weapons from the face of the earth."

Before any accord might be reached with the Soviets, however, Reagan said four "sound principles" were prerequisites of any agreement. These principles include equality of forces; not counting British and French missiles; no shifting of Soviet missiles from Europe to Asia, and an accord that can be effectively verified.

Responding to critics of his expanded military defense budget, the president reminded veterans that "some of you remember drilling with wooden guns and doing maneuvers with cardboard tanks at the outbreak of World War II. We must never repeat that experience."

Increased military spending is necessary now, he said, because, "for two decades, the Soviet Union has been engaged in building up the most powerful military forces in all man's history. During this period, the United States limited its own military spending to the point that our investment in defense actually declined in real terms while the Soviet military investment was nearly double our own during the

decade of the seventies. . .

"Today, we are on the verge of putting in place a defense program adequate to our security needs. If we show the resolve to sustain the necessary levels of military spending . . . we can restore balance and deterrence, and we can better protect the peace."

Some of you remember drilling with wooden guns and doing maneuvers with cardboard tanks in WWII.

The president also reviewed economic initiatives taken by his administration, reaffirmed our country's support for Latin American nations threatened by Communist takeover and praised The American Legion for its continued efforts to keep America strong.

Prior to his address, Reagan was presented a belated American Legion Distinguished Service Medal by immediate Past National Commander

Jack Flynt of Texas. The presentation had been scheduled for the Legion's 1982 national convention in Chicago, but the president had been unable to attend.

Earlier that day, National Commander Al Keller Jr., of Illinois presented the Legion's Distinguished Public Service Award to House Minority Leader Robert H. Michel, R-Ill., who also defended the president's defense budget in remarks delivered to Legionnaires.

Members of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission heard VA Administrator Harry N. Walters pledge whatever it takes in the years ahead to provide up-to-date, second-to-none medical care for veterans.

Walters, who was recently approved to replace Robert P. Nimmo as head of the VA, noted that his role is not one to see a balanced budget, but to fight for, and continue to be, an advocate for veterans.

He described the VA's \$26.1 billion budget proposal for fiscal year 1984—the largest in history—as necessary to provide the care and support veterans have a right to expect. Further, he vowed to "go to the mat" with David Stockman, budget director. "I intend to champion all this nation's veterans, and the reason is simple. I believe that

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The American Legion Award for Distinguished Public Service was presented by Natl. Cdr. Al Keller Jr., to Rep. Bob Michel, R-Ill., "in recognition of his . . . consistent leadership in the formulation of sound public policy."



Among the roster of distinguished guest speakers at this year's Washington Conference was Army Chief of Staff Gen. Edward C. Meyer, shown here addressing members of the Legion's National Security Commission.

any man or woman who has served their country honorably and well deserves my full support."

Members of the Foreign Relations Commission heard a debate on the Law of the Sea Treaty between the two men most closely associated with U.S. participation in the negotiations. Elliot L. Richardson, the former U.S. delegate who helped draft the Law of the Sea Treaty, said some of the treaty's provisions on seabed mining are defective but can be corrected.

His successor, James L. Malone, who on behalf of the Reagan administration refused to sign the treaty, rebutted Richardson, saying the treaty is fundamentally flawed because the seabed mining provisions would impose on the world a political and economic philosophy adverse to American traditions of freedom of choice.

The wide-ranging debate involved "only questions of degree," Richardson said, "whether the treaty's defects outweigh its benefits for the United States."

Much of the debate revolved around the relative part the United States must play in the treaty, with Richardson saying, "The U.S. cannot pick and choose which provisions of the treaty it likes," while Malone noted that provisions of the treaty would "discourage seabed mining by U.S. companies because it could force the sale of advanced technology to Third World countries."

An "eyebrow raiser" for some was the appearance of Harvard cardiologist Dr. James E. Muller, secretary of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, before the Foreign Relations Commission.

Muller urged the Legion to send a delegation to the Soviet Union to invite Russian veterans to the United States to discuss how to end the nuclear arms race. He emphasized that he did not advocate unilateral U.S. disarmament—which he said would be irresponsible—nor blind trust of the Kremlin, which he termed a totalitarian regime.

Muller, who is spokesman for a federation of some 25 national organizations representing 30,000 physicians opposed to nuclear weaponry on medical grounds, praised The American Legion for showing a serious interest in the nuclear weapons issue. He thanked the commission for having an open mind by inviting an "anti-nuclear" speaker like himself, and

urged the Legion as a patriotic organization to take the lead in trying to avert a most serious danger to America as well as other nations.

"Trying to limit the nuclear arms race is a difficult challenge worthy of The American Legion's stature," he said.

Commission members noted that many of Dr. Muller's thoughts on the subject closely followed Legion policy on the issue. The Legion favors nuclear arms control under conditions assuring Soviet-U.S. equality and verifiability of any agreement. As a physician, Muller said his concerns are that nuclear armaments are already excessive and pose an unacceptable long-term danger to people and modern civilization.

The National Commander's Public Relations Award was presented to Eunice Kennedy Shriver, founder and president of Special Olympics, for the outstanding public service performed by that organization.

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The award, in the form of a bronze plaque, was presented to her husband, R. Sargent Shriver, by National Commander Keller. Mr. Shriver, the former U.S. Ambassador to France, accepted the award on behalf of his wife, who was hospitalized at the time.

The American Legion has supported Special Olympics—which is the world's largest international sports program for mentally retarded children and adults—since 1978. Legionnaires serve as coaches, helpers, furnish transportation, food and equipment. Last year they helped nearly 22,000 special children in communities across the country.

At a joint session of the National Foreign Relations and National Security Commissions, Ann Mills Griffiths, executive director of the League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, presented

an update on POW/MIA developments since her group's trip to Southeast Asia last fall, and the January meeting of POW/MIA families that was addressed by President Reagan.

Legionnaires attending the three-day conference also visited with their representatives on Capitol Hill, where they outlined The American Legion's legislative priorities for the coming session of Congress. (For a look at some of those priorities, see "Veterans' Update" on page 26. "Why Not A Nuclear Freeze?" the Commander's Message on page 4, furnishes a detailed discussion of the Legion's position on nuclear disarmament.)

A significant addition to the agenda this year was the first meeting of the "Veterans' Planning and Coordinating Committee." The committee was empaneled by resolution of the National Executive Committee last fall and "charged with the responsibility of making short- and long-term recommendations including, but not limited to, anticipatory recommendations, in the area of rehabilitation, economics and in the political field . . ."

During opening remarks to the committee, Natl. Cdr. Keller outlined the complexity of issues facing the Legion these days and reminded the members that, "... we are at a turning point. Burning issues are on the table now. They are issues we must face at once. As you know, they include, perhaps first and foremost, the issue of Agent Orange and compensation decisions ... the issues we will grapple with include, today more than perhaps at any time since the Great Depression, the gut issues of employment, training and economic security. We have to face the hard, cruel fact that joblessness among Vietnam veterans is deplorably high, that there are those now unemployed who may never hold a job again—unless they get the kind of training they need to meet the job market demands of the '80s—and that veterans employment preferences are constantly subject to raids by those to whom the dollar sign, and the bottom line, are the only reality."

The seven Legion committee members were joined by a range of professional consultants in medicine, the law and employment matters during their meeting. The members have been directed to make their recommendations to the National Executive Committee or National Convention, as appropriate, and as developments warrant. ☼



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human adipose (fat) tissues. To this end, the VA has proposed a jointly funded program with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that will be conducted at the EPA Dioxin Laboratory in Bay St. Louis, Miss.

Finally, the VA has approved and funded 10 research activities related to the effects of dioxin exposure on the body. Seven of these studies deal with the effects of dioxin exposure on the liver's function. Scientists know that when animals are exposed to dioxin, these chemicals are stored in the liver and produce acute liver damage. They will study a variety of species and dioxin-related contaminants.

One skin study will examine chloracne, the one documented effect of low-dose exposure to Agent Orange in humans, while other studies will investigate the effect of Agent Orange on the central nervous and neuromuscular systems.

The Agent Orange Working Group

As we reported in our initial series on Agent Orange, the White House's cabinet level Agent Orange Working Group (AOWG) is the body charged with oversight of all efforts being undertaken on behalf of Agent Orange research. Members represent a broad spectrum of government and scientific organizations and embrace a variety of disciplines.

Bart Kull's the man in charge of the AOWG, and he thinks things are really beginning to get on the right track: "I'm really encouraged now," he said during a recent interview. "Among all the participants there's a greater sense of cooperation. Nobody's warring with each other. People now share a common commitment and goal."

Kull also said the coming year will produce a variety of preliminary answers to the questions surrounding Agent Orange. Noting that many of the studies bear 1983 deadlines, he feels preliminary Agent Orange information will soon be available that may provide the information policy makers need to begin developing legislation, if legislation is the answer.

He also noted that the AOWG has further expanded its efforts, establishing liaison with the State Department so that the flow of Agent Orange research information among nations can be facilitated.

Dioxin Contamination at Home

Residents of the tiny town of Times Beach, Mo., have established a disheartening link with Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange. Federal government officials have offered to buy the homes of all 2,400 residents after investigators found the community too contaminated with dioxin to be safe for human habitation.

The offer to buy out the residents was less than reassuring for many who maintain the federal government has known about the highly contaminated condition of their community for more than a decade and took no action. Price tag for the buy-out is \$33 million, which will come from the Environmental Protection Agency's "Superfund" established to clean up the nation's most dangerous hazardous waste dumps.

Further, government reports indicate there are at least 22 other such contaminated areas in the state, while the EPA says that it may well be a national problem—although they have no idea where in the United States dioxin has been dumped through the years.

Thus it appears a battlefield dilemma born in the jungles of Vietnam has, all the time, been a national dilemma that's only now beginning to manifest itself. Until recently, John Q. Public might have felt compassion for the Vietnam veteran exposed to Agent Orange, but little else. Now he shares with that Vietnam veteran a vested interest in seeing answers found quickly.

Vietnam veterans who've followed the developing story of dioxin contamination in the United States have been treated to a feeling of déjà vu as they've watched claims and counter claims hurled between citizens, industry and the government.

There can be no doubt that the question of dioxin contamination at home has been inexorably bound to the question of dioxin contamination in Southeast Asia. Thus greater urgency has been brought to bear, as if greater urgency was needed, than ever before.

The consensus these days is that excuses have run out. Reliable information is the only thing people want. The question remaining is will time run out before that reliable information is forthcoming? ☼

Legion Life Insurance Celebrates 25 Years Of Service To Members

This month marks the Silver Anniversary of The American Legion Life Insurance-Plan. Since its inception in 1958, the plan has paid more than \$43 million to more than 24,500 designated beneficiaries. During those 25 years, annual claims paid have grown from \$342,000 to over \$6 million.

The American Legion Life Insurance Plan was conceived back in October 1956, when the National Executive Committee adopted Resolution 60, "Insurance for Members to Stabilize Membership." The resolution directed the National Commander, at the time W.C. "Dan" Daniel of Virginia, to appoint a committee of qualified persons to investigate the possibility of an insurance plan for the members of The American Legion.

John C. Brogan, of Youngberg-Carlson Company, a professional insurance consultant, was asked to develop a comprehensive insurance plan for consideration by the Legion. On February 22, 1958, the NEC—at a special meeting held in Washington, D.C.—adopted the plan and appointed the Group Insurance and Trust Committee. Two major underwriters were named to provide the coverage.

On April 1, 1958, membership in the plan was opened to all qualified Legionnaires under age 70. Then, as now, the plan was based on a level premium of decreasing term coverage.

This formula has provided Legionnaires maximum coverage at minimal cost. It can be compared to mortgage insurance in that during the early family-rearing years, the benefits are high when family security and protection are most needed. For the mature Legionnaire, the plan provides extra estate dollars.

The plan's 25th anniversary this year has been marked by the announcement of the availability of 25 percent more benefits through an increase of protection units from 8 to 10; and a special 20 percent benefit bonus for deaths occurring in 1983 for all ages of insured Legionnaires.

Today, Gene L. Fattig is the Headquarters employee who coordinates the needs of Legionnaires with the Life Insurance and Trust Committee and the plan's administrators, Youngberg-Carlson Co., of Chicago.

Commander's Message

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growth—growth that in some instances has been matched by the development of democracy.

Despite the success of a deterrence policy, this country—as an offering to the false god of detente—allowed its nuclear deterrent capability to slip far behind that which is required if the world balance of power is to be kept in check. Therefore, in order to restore and maintain a credible nuclear deterrent while working toward reduced levels of armament, four sequential steps are required:

- First, the U.S. must modernize its nuclear force to restore its effectiveness as a deterrent. This modernization will require that we develop an invulnerable ICBM force, upgrade the nuclear bomber fleet, and complete the Trident submarine program.

- Second, the United States must offset the Soviet SS-20 missile threat to NATO Europe, preferably through arms negotiations, but through deployment of the Pershing II and Tomahawk I missiles, if necessary. We prefer the U.S. "zero option" proposal at the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Talks (INF) because it would eliminate a new class of theater missiles on both sides.

- Third, having restored a credible nuclear deterrent force and having offset the Soviet SS-20 ploy, the United States would be in a sound position to negotiate significant, mutual, equitable, verifiable reductions in nuclear forces. Such reductions, as are currently set forth in the U.S. START proposals, would mark the first time that offensive nuclear weapons would actually be eliminated and not merely replaced.

- And finally, after achieving mutual reductions, a nuclear freeze would serve to prevent subsequent expansion of nuclear forces by either side. This nuclear freeze would be one arrived at from a position of equality between superpowers, therefore the likelihood of cheating by either side would be reduced. Nevertheless, in all arms control agreements, The American Legion urges absolute insistence on the strictest measures to ensure compliance by both sides, including the fullest consideration of on-site inspection.

In the Legion's view, a nuclear freeze only makes sense if it freezes equal Soviet and U.S. nuclear forces and is arrived at through the four-step strategy outlined here.

An immediate nuclear freeze would lock-in current Soviet advantages by preventing necessary modernizations

of U.S. nuclear forces and the vulnerability of our ICBMs would continue. It would also undercut U.S. leadership in NATO because: Soviet SS-20s would be left in place aiming at the heart of Europe; it would negate any Soviet incentive to negotiate nuclear force reductions; and it would create opportunities for further turmoil in the superpowers' strategic relationship by freezing offensive weapons, but not defensive systems such as air defense and submarine detection. Technological breakthroughs in either of these areas by the Soviets would put part of the U.S. nuclear deterrent triad at risk.

Although current proposals in the U.S. for an immediate nuclear freeze do not advocate adoption of a unilateral freeze by the U.S., they tend in that direction. After all, what would be a quicker way to end the nuclear arms race than for the United States to simply unilaterally freeze its nuclear arms program? We must remember, however, that the U.S. tried such an approach to a limited extent in the 1970s and met a Soviet response, not of moderation, but of massive escalation of weaponry.

The four-step nuclear arms strategy we advocate will be lengthy, complicated and expensive, yet it's time we quit fooling ourselves about the veracity of the Soviet Union and accept the fact we're going to have to spend money to maintain our freedom. Despite the time involved and the cost, this four-step approach offers the best hope to preserve nuclear deterrence while working toward eventual reduction of nuclear armaments.

Either immediate nuclear freeze or unilateral disarmament will put this nation and, indeed, the entire Free World in much the same position of that hunter who tossed away his rifle thinking the bear was also unarmed.

Up to this point the vocal advocates of an immediate nuclear freeze have been successful in drowning out those who support a responsible four-step approach to nuclear arms strategy. Congress must be made aware of the views of the silent majority of its constituents, not only the vocal few. The dangers of an immediate nuclear freeze are clear, the advantages nonexistent. Legionnaires must shoulder the responsibility of assuring that these dangers are averted and that a strategic advantage not be simply handed to the Soviet Union by well-meaning but misguided segments of the American public. ☐

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The Sacred Warriors, by Denis & Peggy Warner with Cmdr. Sadao Seno. VAN NOSTRAND REINHOLD, PUBS., \$24.95. World War II was not only a clash between nations and weapons, but of minds as well. One of the puzzlements that still exists in the minds of Occidentals is the Oriental notion of death and duty. The sacred warriors described here were members of Japan's suicide legions during the war. Denis Warner served as an Australian war correspondent during the war, while Seno commanded a Japanese midget submarine. The two perspectives, coupled with the trio's research, provide an interesting overview of what sent Japanese military men willingly to their deaths.

With Enough Shovels: Reagan, Bush & Nuclear War, by Robert Scheer. RANDOM HOUSE, PUBS., \$14.95. The belief that nuclear war is a no-win situation for any nation, a belief that grew prominent during the Eisenhower years and has been in vogue since that time, is no longer considered valid by our strategic experts, says the author. Modern-day nuclear weapons policy must be that of we can and must win any nuclear war and we've got to make appropriate preparations for that eventuality. The author is a reporter for the *Los Angeles Times* and gathered much of his material for this book during interviews with administration and congressional leaders.

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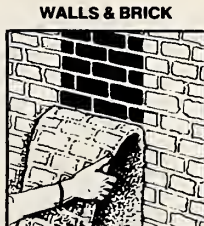
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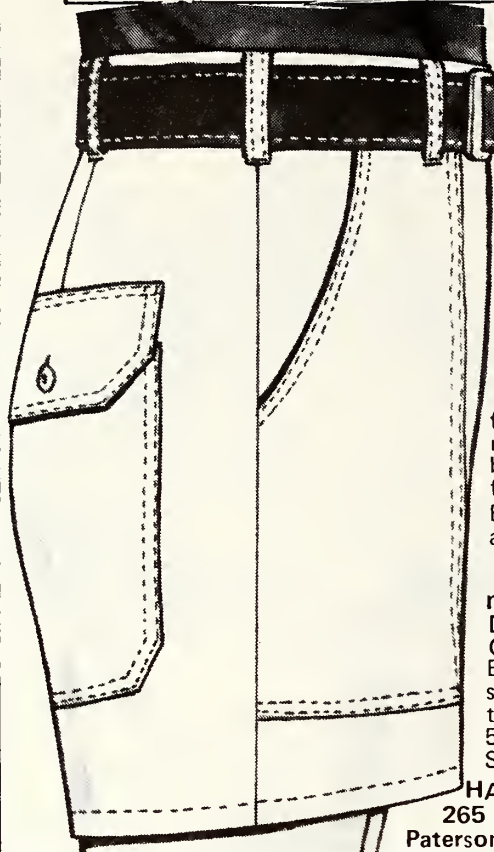


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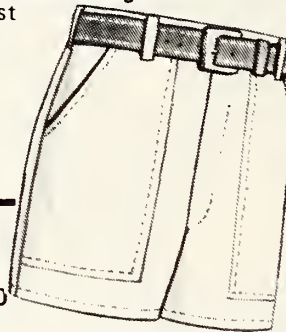
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Francis Stevens, superintendent of the Eastford, Conn. schools, and one of that state's most outspoken critics of the bureaucracy that has sprung up within education, echoed those feelings. He pointed to one form he has to fill out—the ED002, a certificate of compliance that has grown from two pages requiring only a signature in 1981, to six pages requiring extensive documentation in 1982—and said it is typical of the hundreds of forms that have to be completed by teachers every year. Most teachers have to work 60 hours each week to meet all their obligations, Stevens said, and less than half that time will be spent teaching the pupils.

"I try to tear down the walls and the paperwork as much as possible," said Stevens, who refers to much of the paperwork as "absent-minded tinkering by intellectuals in Hartford or Washington, who don't have an idea of what's going on at the operational level.

"What we try to do here," he stated, "is to keep down the level of bureaucracy."

Another oft-repeated complaint by today's teachers concerns escalating violence in the classrooms. Assaults on teachers are increasing to enormous proportions, and teachers are often caught in the middle of student disputes. Los Angeles, for instance, last year spent \$11 million on security and still reported over 2,000 teacher assaults. Not coincidentally, during that school year Los Angeles was nearly 1,000 teachers short of a full complement. Most inner city schools have hired security guards to patrol the hallways and to keep doors to the street locked during school hours.

"We have to provide an environment where the teacher can do the job," said Zimmerman. "We have, unfortunately, many non-students entering the campus with motivations other than education. Many teachers actually fear for their physical safety when they go to school each day. In fact, we have had directives in this city that the teachers leave immediately after school; that they should not stay in their classrooms because they are unsafe."

Experts agree that the trends can be revised, but not without a concerted effort by local, state and federal authorities, beginning in the home and continuing through to the federal level in Washington.

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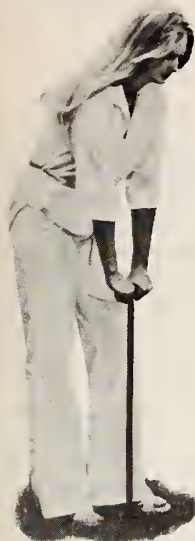
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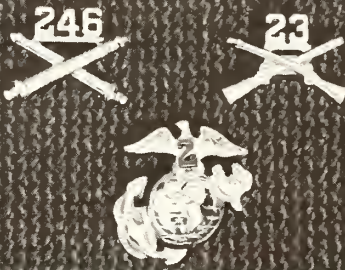
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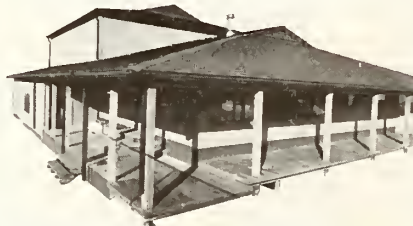
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dents who have the aptitude and desire to go into education, subsidies that could be tied to a commitment that the student go into teaching for a specified number of years in lieu of repayment. At the same time, Dunathan suggests, there should be research into the benefits of small schools, coupled with courses in teaching at the smaller institutions.

To prevent frustration with teaching and, thus, prevent a migration out of the profession to other fields, many experts feel parent involvement could take a lot of the pressure off teachers. Experiments along that line have shown significant successes in Cleveland, where Title VI funds were used to establish a Home-School Liaison program. Under the program, home visitors were hired to contact parents about attendance, performance and behavior of their children, and to encourage parents to take part in school events. Dr. Rondale E. Edwards, superintendent in that city, said the program showed parents that the schools cared about the youngsters and that students cannot be properly educated without active support at home.

"Today, it is not unusual for both parents to leave work for a teacher conference if their child is having problems," said Edwards. "There is high attendance at curriculum nights, open houses and parent-teacher organization meetings. Last year over 800 parents, relatives and students attended the Young Authors Conference at 8 a.m. on a Saturday to see the books authored and published by their children."

More aides need to be hired to free the teacher from meaningless tasks. It does not take a Ph.D. to fill out an attendance report during homeroom, to monitor hallways, or to supervise a silent study hall. Yet, many professionals with doctorate degrees are assigned such tasks. Aides would be paid less and teachers could devote their valuable time to their real job.

None of the experts expect that addressing the problem of a pending teacher shortage is going to be easy or inexpensive. But without quality teachers, our school system, our hope for the future of this country, cannot survive.

The time has come for the United States to determine how much its future is worth, and decide who will teach the children.

Battlewagon

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"Excocet missile, hah!" said a first class gunners mate. "Do you realize that missile carried only 250 pounds of explosives? Do you realize that this ship was designed and built to take repeated hits from the 18-inch guns of the (WWII Japanese battleship) Yamamoto—guns that could launch a ton-and-a-half of explosives—and keep on fighting?"

The questions, of course, were rhetorical. The ship's skipper, Capt. William M. Fogarty, said that were the ship struck by one of today's conventional missiles, such as an Excocet, he'd reply much as Adm. Halsey did during WWII when asked what he'd do about kamikazes.

"I'd pipe sweepers," he said.

Thus it seems the *New Jersey*, perhaps more than any other ship afloat today, can take hits and keep on fighting. She can also dish it out. Much has been made of the cruise missiles she will carry—missiles designed to sneak in under radar and wipe out a target up to 1,500 miles away with pinpoint accuracy. Too, her close-in weapons system can put up a virtually impenetrable barrier against attackers.

But you can keep your sophisticated, electronic, computer-directed weapons as far as Thelbert Farmer is concerned. Farmer developed "battleship fever" when he served on *New Jersey* as a gunner's mate during the Korean War. He'd been enjoying his Navy retirement for 10 years when the Pentagon dropped him a line and asked if he'd be interested in serving on *New Jersey* once again.

"I didn't even think about it," he said. "I jumped at the chance for one reason: the 16-inch gun is the biggest—and the best—gun the Navy's got. This piece of equipment right here," he said as he patted the gun's 77-foot-long barrel, "is just as good today as it ever was."

"For me, it's far superior to some of this electronic stuff they've got around today. Blow a fuse or a solenoid on one of those missiles and it's dead. But this great big 16-inch gun can take hit after hit and just keep firing on and on and on."

The ship's "Big Guns" seem to serve as still another endorsement of things having been done right back in 1943. The ship's weapons experts note the guns can fire a projectile that weighs as much as a Chevrolet every 30 sec-

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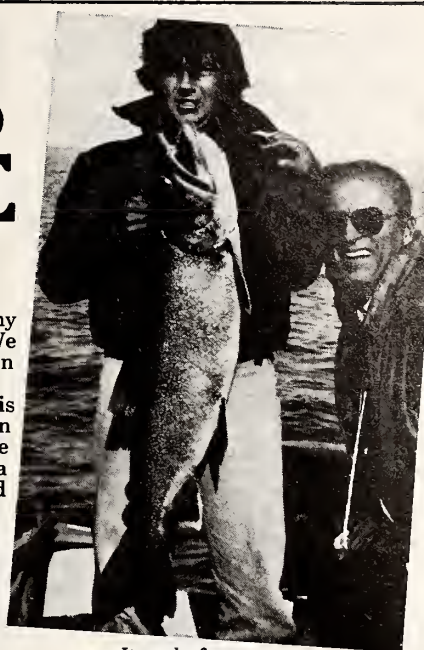
I made this remarkable discovery when my son went on his first fishing trip with me. We hired this old Indian guide in a small town in Wisconsin.

When our guide showed Mark how to bait his hook, I noticed that he rubbed something on the bait just before Mark put the line in the lake. Within minutes Mark had himself a beautiful bass. You can imagine how pleased I was and Mark, of course, wanted more.

So the whole thing was repeated—the guide put on the bait, rubbed it again, and up popped another beauty. Meanwhile, I sat there patiently waiting for my first fish.

This went on all morning. Mark caught 30 bass and I got eight.

When I pulled the boat in at noon and paid off our Indian guide, I noticed that a small, unusual seed had apparently fallen from the guide's pocket into the bottom of our boat. The odor from the seed was quite strong and certainly different from anything I had ever smelled before. This was what he had rubbed on Mark's bait!



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onds. This biggest of conventional weapons can hit within 50 feet of a target that's 25 miles away with enough explosive force to penetrate a 30-foot-thick slab of concrete.

ITEM: Sailors not part of a battleship's crew grudgingly admit there's nothing cockier than a battleship sailor, unless it's a green Marine putting on his corporal's stripes.

New Jersey's recommissioning ceremony was a formal, stately affair, what with the President of the United States, top government officials and foreign dignitaries in attendance. But when the ceremony concluded, the first sailor hit the gangplank with arms swinging and a whoop that was picked up by the rest of the crew as they raced aboard ship. The "queen of the sea" was officially in commission, and no one had worked harder to get her ready than *New Jersey's* crew.

Because it's a battleship, a battleship!

"The crew has had to become very close knit," said Mark Dawson, a first class boiler technician. "There are always a lot of problems putting a ship in commission. But I think it's been harder on us because of all the political interest in bringing a battleship out of mothballs.

"With the world looking over our shoulders, we've been working a little harder and a little longer to make sure the job's been done right."

Dawson, by the way, is another disciple of "the old ways are sometimes the best ways" school of thought that permeates the crew. He works in and around the eight boilers that produce the power for *New Jersey's* four shafts. It's a power plant that cranks out the ship's top speed of more than 35 knots. He left a Navy ship with one of the most modern, sophisticated propulsion systems to join *New Jersey's* crew because, "I guess I just like an old stick shift," he said.

"You have more direct, hands-on control of what's going on with the systems. You turn a valve and you get a difference in pressure. Whereas with an automated system, a short in your electrical warning systems could easily knock the system off-line without having a real cause. Yes sir, I'll take

a manual stick shift like this any day."

There's no doubt it's nice to keep around the old things, so long as they don't interfere with progress. A good example is *New Jersey's* acres of teak-wood decks. In the past, if you wanted to get a complaint out of a battleship sailor, you asked him about holystoning that wooden deck. Sailors pushed those stones across the decks, scrubbing them to a blinding white in fair weather and foul. It was backbreaking, brutal work that seemed to need repeating just as soon as you'd finished. Today, with a nod towards progress, much of the teak is scrubbed by a machine that roams topside. There are few complaints from the deck crew and not many who bemoan the passing of the good old days of holystoning.

ITEM: Two weeks following *New Jersey's* recommissioning, a long-planned reunion of ex-*New Jersey* sailors was held—on the weekend originally set for the ship's recommissioning ceremony, but changed to an earlier date to coincide with a presidential visit.

"There was some grouching about having our thunder stolen," said Russell Brown, organizer of the reunion that attracted more than 100 ex-*New Jersey* men to Long Beach. "But you talk to these people and you'll hear we're all really proud to see her back in commission again."

The battleship's original crewmen—and some who'd sailed with her during the Korean and Vietnam Wars—easily slipped back into the role of salty sailor, spinning old sea stories, matching notes on liberty ports (accompanied by the bemused expressions of some of the spouses) and eyeballing the ship that had changed the lives of them all.

"Back in 1943, my mother thought the world had come to an end when her son went off to war on this big ship called the *New Jersey*," said one reunion participant in the hotel after a day spent touring the ship. "Mother's 86 now and living with us. She's as mad as I've ever seen her because she's grown too old to make the trip to Long Beach to see the ship that played a big part in turning her world upside down—by taking her son away to WWII."

"I've been married to my husband for 50 years," remarked one of the reunion wives, "and to the USS *New Jersey* for 40 of those years—whether I wanted to or not."

Seaman Dan Whitney is one of *New Jersey's* younger present-day crewmen. He'd been invited to the reunion's dinner by one of the organizers who met him aboard ship. Decked out in his dress blues, he stood with a group of WWII *New Jersey* crewmen and fended off a reporter's persistent questioning: "Why'd you volunteer for the *New Jersey*?"

"Because it's a battleship," he replied.

"So?"

(Growing exasperated) "Because it's a battleship, *battleship!* What more can I say?"

The looks on the faces of the old-timers surrounding Whitney were a mixture of knowing glances and shared exasperations. Indeed, what more could one say? The *New Jersey* is, after all, a *battleship*. In the mind's eye of battleship sailors past and present, there is no way to articulate the special attraction that begins the first day you walk up the gangplank.

"You can serve aboard a battleship and then get transferred to another ship or shore station," said a reunion member as he gazed one last time at the ship from the pier. "But you never—not for the rest of your life—ever completely leave that battleship."

Battleship sailors have a supreme sense of confidence in their ship and the men they serve with. They trust in their ship "to go in Harm's Way" and in their shipmates "to be the best crew on the best ship."

This self-assurance can be eerily prophetic. When *New Jersey* was decommissioned back in 1969 for what most predicted would be her final trip to mothballs, the ship's commanding officer, Capt. Robert C. Peniston, knew better: "Rest well, yet sleep lightly," he said to the ship, "and hear the call, if again sounded, to provide fire power for freedom."

Buck Henry belied his 74 years as he almost skipped down the gangplank. "Yes sir. I'd sail with her right now if I was younger," he said. "Only problem is, I can't find my way around the ship as good as I used to. And you know, a battleship sailor *always* knows his way around his ship."

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In addition to her guns, *New Jersey* is equipped with both the Tomahawk and Harpoon missiles. The ship carries 48 cruise missiles that can be fired from eight armored box launchers (Tomahawk) and four quad-box launchers (Harpoon).

Besides the new armaments installed during her most recent overhaul, *New Jersey's* modernization included the installation of advanced cruiser-style communications systems; the installation of a modern electronic countermeasures system; new aviation facilities, including an operating station for one SH-60B helicopter and storage space for three additional units; updated air-search radar and conversion of the engineering plant to burn Navy distillate fuel.

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Music

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1965 and 1970 may have been the arrival of Bob Dylan and Kris Kristofferson. The radical, young Dylan became a cult figure, and the air rang with poems and frankness. And Kristofferson's explicit songs spoke of things country music had never touched. "Behind Closed Doors" and "For the Good Times" didn't leave much to the imagination—suddenly a new sense of freedom swept over the people who wrote and sang country songs.

Johnny Cash, the singer who can do it all—blues, folk, gospel—teamed up with Dylan to introduce country fans to folk singing. Still Cash believed that if country music was to grow it had to expand and reach a bigger audience.

Today the audience is big. Between 1978 and 1980, record sales rose from \$100 million to \$527 million. And more than 2,000 radio stations now play country music full-time.

Country music has been good to those who have been hoisted to success on its sounds. According to *U.S. News & World Report*, Kenny Rogers has an income of \$4 million a year, Dolly Parton lives on a 200-acre estate in Tennessee, and Loretta Lynn, the coal miner's daughter, is reported to be easily in the \$1 million-a-year category.

But a surprising number of the greats have come from the humble, rural life they sing about. Loretta Lynn did grow up in coal country. As Loretta herself tells it, she was born in a one-room cabin, had a pet hog, and never rode in an automobile or saw a toilet with running water until she was 12. Charley Pride, the only black to achieve popularity in country music, spent his youth picking cotton alongside his folks in the Deep South.

Merle Haggard, whose family left Oklahoma's dust bowl in the '30s, was born in a converted boxcar in Bakersfield and grew up in poverty. He's played for the Nixons at the White House and for the \$2-entrance-fee crowd in a Bakersfield auditorium. There is little pretentious about Haggard. No sequins. No hokey corn pone ad libs. When he strums into "Mama Tried," he raises his leathery face upwards and sings the memories of his life—about canvas-covered cabins in crowded labor camps where his father toiled to raise the family and "tried to feed my mama's hungry eyes."

Eddy Arnold was a plowboy on a

small farm in Tennessee; he learned to work the fields from his father, a sharecropper. Elvis Presley, whose career started in country and gospel music, grew up in a two-room shack, the son of a dirt-poor farmer, in one of the most poverty-riddled areas of the country.

But nowadays there's a new breed of country musicians. They come from outside the South and bring widely varied backgrounds. Eddie Rabbitt is from Brooklyn. Anne Murray is from Nova Scotia. Kris Kristofferson was a Rhodes Scholar. Alex Harvey, who wrote the Tanya Tucker hit, "Delta Dawn," has a master's degree in music.

Purists fear that, while these outside influences may be winning larger audiences, country music may be losing its essential flavor.

The Country Music Association doesn't buy that. According to one CMA spokesman, "The essence of country music, at its best, lies in its lyric integrity, and that hasn't changed. It still deals with the real experiences of life."

And plainly, that is what attracts new legions of listeners and keeps old-timers dedicated. Dave Wallace, a 58-year-old ex-accountant in the San Fernando Valley in California, is a typical long-time country fan. He started leaning into it when he was stationed as a Navy man in Texas and got hooked on the Sons of the Pioneers' hit, "Cool, Cool Waters." The music has changed a lot since then. It's been melded with pop and rock and blues. It's been inundated with cowboy big bands and amplified guitars. But Dave Wallace has moved along with the changing sounds. "I like it because it tells a realistic story of life as it is, its ups and downs." And even though Willie Nelson has been called "rebellious and nonconforming," to Wallace his memorable single, "Mamas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys," is best of the genre.

So, what's country—and who says?

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Willie Nelson, standing on stage with his long, braided hair dangling from underneath his well-worn cowboy hat, looks out on an audience that is, as he says, "a lot of young people, a lot of old people, all lookin' at each other for the first few minutes." Young or old, they like the way he blends rock 'n' roll and country and western. "People are people," he says, "they basically have the same emotions, the same things make them laugh, make them cry, and they all fall in and out of love. So most everyone can relate to the lyrics in the songs I do."

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*I've never seen a night so long
When time goes crawling by.
The moon just went behind a cloud,
To hide its face and cry.*

*The silence of a falling star
Lights up a purple sky,
And as I wonder where you are
I'm so lonesome I could cry.*

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Gambling

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for months or even years. Almost all have what they call a 'big win'—at least a half-year's salary." Paradoxically, the gambling addict may be produced by chance—for the same type of person who never wins big will not become a compulsive gambler.

This is why the VA psychiatrist believes that the growth of legalized gambling will increase the number of CGs—simply through the increased availability and likelihood of bigger winnings. However, experts generally agree with Arnie Wexler who says, "If you closed every gambling establishment there would still be compulsive gamblers—just as you would still have alcoholics if you closed every bar and had Prohibition again."

Dunne feels strongly that our states have a special responsibility here: "In this addiction we deal with the victims of public policy—for the state both legalizes and promotes gambling." Like Dr. Custer, he seeks not the end of legalized gambling, but the appropriation of even 1 percent or less of this vast annual revenue for the development and support of treatment programs for gambler addicts, the victims of such state policies.

A veteran himself, Dunne is also troubled. "If there was one experience all veterans had in the military," he says, "it was gambling—and how many are compulsives as a result?" He is concerned that many veterans' pensions go to support their habit. He urges that chaplains, administrators and counselors in veterans facilities become more aware that some "veterans have severe gambling problems." He also wants credit given the Veterans Administration for the best compulsive gambling rehabilitation in the world (at the Brecksville Division of the Cleveland VA Medical Center), for providing more treatment for such unfortunates than any other organization—and for working closely in this with Gamblers Anonymous.

Dr. Custer feels that once a person has truly become a CG, he or she is unlikely to recover without help. But as he explains: "All you have to do is get them to stop gambling and get their lives back in order, for they have all the strengths needed for recovery: determination, competitiveness, energy. I've seen many of them pay off their debts and get good jobs again."

The VA psychiatrist advises the gambling addict to start with Gambler's Anonymous (GA) because its

members usually know when the problem is too much for GA to handle and refer the addict to a treatment program. The two systems work together, not competitively. GA was founded just 25 years ago, in July 1957, by two members of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) who met in Reno while their wives were divorcing them because of their gambling problems. They concluded that since AA could help alcoholism, its same "12 Steps" should help gamblers.

According to a GA spokesman (members are anonymous) the organization now has 8,600 members worldwide in 439 groups. Meetings are held in 37 states as well as in eight other countries. GA and AA are virtually identical and the only membership requirement is the desire to stop the addiction. GA members provide emotional and practical support and assistance to each other, and constantly remind themselves that they are only one bet away from disaster, from being active gambling addicts again. Like the alcoholic who must never take that first drink, the CG must not make a single bet.

The 12 Steps they follow include an admission that they are compulsive gamblers, that they are controlled by an overwhelming force and must turn themselves over to "God as we understand him" and ask his help, that they will make amends to those who have been harmed by them and will share their knowledge with other CGs. Allied with GA are Gam Anon (to assist families with support and practical help in dealing with the addict) and Gam Ateen (for the teen-age children of addicts).

The first compulsive gambling treatment program was started by Dr. Custer in 1972 at the Brecksville VA Medical Center. This was the result of three GA members asking him for help because he was then in charge of an alcoholic treatment program. Since then, he has provided the impetus for and helped with the four other programs now fully operative. These have been the VA programs at the Brooklyn, N.Y., East Orange, N.J., Loma Linda, Calif., and Miami, Fla., VA Medical Centers. In 1979, Maryland became the first state to establish its own treatment service—The Johns Hopkins University Compulsive Gambling Counseling Center. Recently too, centers have been started

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on Staten Island and in Rochester, N.Y., as well as Bridgeport, Conn.—and there is now talk of more centers. The best way to learn of such programs in your area is through the local GA, which invariably is aware of all the help available.

With the common source, it is not surprising that observers have noted similar treatment processes in the four successful and long-standing programs. They all focus on current behavior and problems rather than looking to the buried causal psychological factors (which traditional psychotherapy emphasizes). All insist upon membership in GA and Gam Anon (for the spouses) as an integral and essential part of their program. Group as well as individual psychotherapy and family involvement are employed. Those in the program are given assistance in resolving their day-to-day problems such as court appearances and financial and legal complications. Some programs emphasize inpatient (hospital) care while others offer almost entirely outpatient help; some employ a combination.

The program is always highly individualized and tailored to the needs of the particular addict, but uses treatment methods such as individual and group therapy, relaxation techniques and biofeedback. Inpatient therapy usually lasts four to six weeks; outpatient may be longer. Those involved make commitments about not gambling, and even develop self-treatment plans with the help of counselors or in group therapy. They plan for getting a job, dealing with their loan situation and budgeting (notifying creditors, repayment and the like), and may even be referred to attorneys for dealing with legal problems. In short, it is an education process.

Dr. Custer's final advice to the families of gambling addicts is this: "The important thing is not to bail them out, not to loan them money or sign loans for them. Seek to take over the management of the family's funds and try to get them into either GA or a treatment program. You, yourself, may need Gam Anon to help you move the compulsive gambler into treatment and these people will keep you from making mistakes in trying to convince the gambler to seek help."

But every expert agrees—there is help available today for compulsive gamblers: they are *not* hopeless!

Mideast

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The German left flank collapsed. Patton's 3rd Army broke out across Europe. Such was the rout that Kluge killed himself.

The bird-snake theory had revolutionized war from air to ground, paralleling that of the technological revolution of warfare at sea by the submarine. In three successive battlefield tests, the latest in Lebanon, the Israeli air force has done much to advance that revolution.

Modern day battle tests after Mortain began during the Israeli-Arab War of 1967. The intelligence services of the world watched with bated breath the outcome of vastly greater weight of Soviet armament against advanced American-Israeli technology. Militarily and diplomatically, it was a heavyweight championship bout with every major power at ringside. On battle's eve, Israel was ringed by 250,000 hostile troops, 2,500 tanks and 700 war planes.

At dawn of June 5, 1967, battle began. As at Mortain, it was over in a matter of hours. Before noon, the Egyptian air force was annihilated. Almost 400 Egyptian planes were destroyed on the ground and 40 more were shot down. It was obvious that the American-Israeli scientists had developed a new type of weapon—an air-to-ground homing missile of tremendous accuracy. Subsequently, lacking air cover, the armies attacking Israel were utterly crushed.

So sweeping was the Israeli military victory that the Kremlin was unable to accept the diplomatic result. In bitter recriminations between the Kremlin and the Arab states, the Soviets insisted it was the Arab pilots and not Soviet equipment that had failed. In order to prove the point, the Soviets sent a crack fighter squadron of Migs to engage the Israeli Air Force. The Israeli Dawn Patrol over Suez was jumped by seven Soviet Migs operated by Soviet fighter pilots. According to the Chennault battle odds, the Israelis should have lost three and the Soviets, at most, one warplane. The result was exactly the opposite: the Soviets lost four planes and a fifth was abandoned by parachute. From a technological standpoint, this illuminated the grave problem facing the Soviet scientists: they had to come up with a surface-to-air missile to offset the air-to-surface missile of the Israelis. The "snake," as it were, had to have equal eyesight and a sting that could reach

up into the clouds. A deadly sting the Soviet scientists produced: the SAMs, surface-to-air missiles.

There was indication that the Soviets were making great progress when a 70-ton Soviet PT boat sank the Israeli destroyer *Elath* with three out of four missile hits at 38,000 yards. Israel immediately retaliated by knocking out the oil refineries at Suez and with raids up the Nile Valley. But in this war, which dragged on, it was apparent that the Soviets were closing the technological gap by inflicting losses Israel could ill afford to pay. The battle statistics speak for themselves: between the War of 1967 and the October War of 1973, Israel lost only two planes in air-to-air combat as against Arab losses of 125. On the other hand, Israel lost 25 planes to SAM attack. Along with thousands of anti-aircraft guns in support of 60 missile systems, the loss of Israeli planes was such that Soviet technicians succeeded in neutralizing the skies above the Nile. The Soviet scientists still faced great problems, however: their SAM systems weren't mobile.

It was obvious that mobile Soviet surface-to-air missiles were the only possible answer. Upon the SAMs the Kremlin bestowed first priority in scientific brains and industrial resources. The Soviet Union developed successive generations of SAMs for the next war. Following the War of 1967, Russia had redoubled the arms flow to the Arab states. With the new generation of SAM 4 and SAM 5 batteries, tested in the Nile Valley and seeming to assure neutrality of the skies above the battlefield, the Arab states were prepared to battle once more.

On Oct. 6, 1973, the Syrians and the Egyptians opened coordinated attacks from north and south. It was Israel's most holy day, Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. Incredibly, Israel was caught flat-footed. The first great onslaught came at 2 p.m. by the Syrians on the Golan Heights.

Seldom have two antagonists been so remorselessly pitted against each other. At the same time, the fate of the helpless civilian Israeli population in the valley of Galilee hung on the result of the battle on the plateau above.

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brigades were on the plateau. Behind the Syrian tanks were three motorized infantry divisions, ready to exploit the breakthrough into the Galilee Valley.

Ordered to fight to the last man, the Israeli brigades exacted a heavy toll. The Israeli tanks inflicted a three to one loss ratio, but it was not enough. Outnumbered at battle climax by six to one, the Israeli line was borne back to the rim.

Under these desperate circumstances, the Israeli high command was forced to play its ace: the Israeli air force would be forced to go in over the new SAM batteries in support of the beleaguered tank brigades. In they went. The Phantoms and the Mirages protected the upper altitudes while the Skyhawks came in at tree-top level with ground support. The Skyhawks targeted so exactly that their strikes were within yards of the surrounded Israeli tanks. The price in airplanes and pilots, however, was frightful—more than Israel could afford to pay for long. Five percent of the Israeli air force was lost on the first sortie.

The Israeli air force was withdrawn from action, while the Israeli high command considered its awful choices: whether to abandon the civilians of Galilee and save the air force for the much more ponderous attack of the lightly opposed Egyptians in the South, already across the canal with two divisions and 500 tanks, or to cast the Israeli air force—and the fate of all Israel—into the battle being lost on Golan Heights. Into the breach once more swept the Israelis, the Skyhawks flying up the Jordan Valley at such low level that they were flying virtually into the mouth of the SAMs. Again the casualty rate was terrific.

The Israeli 188th was gone; the 7th was fighting on with more than 50 percent casualties. But even as the air force went in, the central Israeli army reserve was arriving. So pressing was the need up on the plateau that Israeli generals were directing traffic at the valley junction, waving single tanks up into battle without waiting for formation. Up to the El Al junction in the south and across the Daughters of Jacob Bridge the Israeli reserves poured just in time. The Syrian attack was stopped—less than five miles from the Daughters of Jacob Bridge and only 800 meters from the controlling heights of El Al. From this line, stabilized at such terrible price, the Israeli forces were able to counterattack

with telling results: not one of the 1,200 Syrian tanks returned to Syria.

It was an historic victory—won by technology. But it was a Pyrrhic victory. In two days, the Israelis had lost 10 percent of their air force. Though they had lost the battle, the Soviet technicians had drawn technologically even with their improved surface-to-air missiles. In bluntest terms, the "snake" of Mortain now had eyes that could search the clouds and a sting that could reach birds of prey at high altitude.

Meanwhile in the south, the Israelis were again hard pressed as the invading Egyptian armies moved under the protection of creeping SAM bases. Another example of the battlefield as technological laboratory occurred when both adversaries revealed incredibly advanced bridges—the Israelis, unveiling an engineering marvel, a huge bridge on big rubber wheels, towed by tanks. Then, in what seems almost a direct duplicate of Gen. Robert E. Lee's tactics at Chancellorsville, the Israeli army crossed the Suez Canal, surprising the Egyptian armies by attacking the rear. The Egyptian 3rd and 2nd Armies, threatened with annihilation, were rescued by the diplomatic intervention of Russia and the United States.

It was a tremendous military victory nevertheless, but the score in the continuing technological war was not impressive. The Egyptian armies had made great progress when they were under the SAM umbrellas. Once out from under them, neither the Egyptian ground forces nor the Egyptian air force stood a chance against Israel's air force. This, however, revealed something of a technological stand-off: the fangs of the snake, the SAMs, were still limited not in their lethal effect, but in their ground mobility. Thus, as the next round of the technological war started, it was apparent the Soviets were achieving lethal mobile effectiveness in their SAMs. Obviously, if their rate of SAM mobility continued, Israel—and hence Western Europe—would be in gravest danger because mobile SAMs could give full protection in the sky to the vast Soviet armies and navies below.

Thus, every major power knew there would be a crucial technological showdown in the next go-around, and that it was coming soon. Early in 1982, every major power knew that the global attacks on Israel proper and Is-

raeli Embassies by the PLO from southern Lebanon had passed the point of tolerability, and that Israel would attack. As Israeli forces massed on the Lebanese border, the Kremlin signaled its conventional warning to Israel by ordering a massive naval presence off the Lebanese coast: 30 warships of the Red Mediterranean Squadron appeared off Lebanon.

Accepting the challenge, the U.S. 6th Fleet moved east out of Naples, significantly enough, accompanied by the nuclear-powered carrier USS *Eisenhower* and a combat regiment of Marines. In response, the Soviet Black Sea Fleet immediately dispatched 10 more warships down the Dardanelles to reinforce the Soviet fleet off Lebanon. Eyeball to eyeball, Washington did not blink. In reply, the attack carrier USS *Kennedy* sped up the Red Sea through Suez to join the U.S. 6th Fleet off Lebanon. Simultaneously, in from the Atlantic, the carriers USS *Independence* and USS *Forrestal* cleared Gibraltar, bound east to join the 6th. U.S. warships now outnumbered the Soviets 50 to 40. All factors were present for another showdown at sea as in the Cuban missile crisis of 1962. Relatively, however, the United States did not hold the preponderant advantage in 1982 that it did in 1962. Russia, in a crash naval program, had since built four blue water navies. In surface tonnage they exceeded the U.S. Navy in the ratio of 3:2; in submarines, 7:2. Brezhnev growled a warning to the U.S. not to land the Marines.

All fell silent. It was like the hush before a world heavyweight championship fight. The intelligence services of every major power were at ringside when the first Israeli tank rolled across the Lebanese border.

Both anxiety—and expectation—were high. Earlier in the year, Israel had indicated tremendous advances in its air-to-ground attack by destroying the nuclear installation under construction at Baghdad with a pinpoint surgical strike, even more applicable to ships on the open sea than to land targets. Again, the destruction of H.M.S. *Sheffield* in the Falkland action by an Argentinian-piloted Israeli jet armed with a single missile, the French Exocet, added air-to-sea supremacy to the tremendous stakes of the technological battles to be fought, that of the Soviet SAM 6, 7 and 8 missiles against the technological ad-

vances of the American-Israeli scientists.

Technology had also revolutionized land warfare. The old West Point concept of infantry as the "Queen of Battles" had been modified, but only to the extent that infantry and tank action had been coordinated. Thus, in theory, ground forces remained as the decisive factor. The Israeli-Arab wars had not yet fully demonstrated the capacity of air-to-ground missiles. Hence, the Soviet general staff subscribed completely to the view of infantry-tank supremacy: 50,000 tanks were the brass knuckles of its iron fist. The 31 armored divisions mounted behind the Iron Curtain, with the 66 in reserve, gave general acceptance to the belief that the Soviet tank-infantry armies could, if they so desired, smash through to the English Channel in a few weeks.

Accordingly, there was vast interest in the battle performance of the T72, Russia's mightiest tank. Syria had been fully rearmed: of its 2,700 tanks, 400 were the super T72s. Over Israel's violent protest, Syria had moved 35,000 troops, two tank brigades, and brand new mobile missile systems, including the SAM 8 and SAM 9 batteries into the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon. While attention was concentrated on control of the skies, the performance of the Soviet T72, regarded by NATO as all but invulnerable, was hardly second in importance.

The Israeli tank victory alone would have set back the Russian Bear on its haunches, but a new weapon developed by American and Israeli scientists has revolutionized tank warfare. It is called SADARM, acronym for Seek and Destroy Armor. Fired from ground artillery or from aircraft, it launches a shell that, upon ejection, breaks into three different missiles, which at once pick out the target tank and in individual trajectories home in on its turret. The mechanics of the weapon remained classified. However, its effectiveness is known. More than 200 Soviet tanks, including the vaunted T72, were instantly decapitated. Perceiving that their tanks had become flaming crematories, the Syrian tankmen abandoned them. The effect of this victory over Russia's best tank has already done much to diminish Kremlin bluster in the West.

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equally decisive. Eighty-four Syrian-manned Migs, including several of Russia's latest, the Mig 25, were shot down in air combat. Israeli losses: none.

The great technological duel, however, was between the Israeli air force and the new Soviet missile systems. The Soviet technicians had come a long way from Hitler's blind snake-on-the-ground at Mortain. Indeed, the Soviets had constructed a veritable mobile cobra's den, the king cobra of which could rear to thousands of feet and spread successive layers of venomous explosive, ingeniously designed to force attacking Israeli planes into connected zones of concentrated missile fire. Missiles were not the only weapons. At the heart of each missile battery was the new Soviet ZSU-23/4, an anti-aircraft cannon that fired at the amazing rate of 4,000 rounds a minute. Had the Israeli air force employed the same method of ground support employed in the October War of 1973, the Israeli pilots would have had to fly through seven successive tunnels of concentrated missile fire—all but an impossibility.

And yet, within the first few days, the Soviet missile systems were destroyed, with but loss of a single Israeli plane, the pilot of which managed to parachute to safety.

Sir Winston Churchill declared that if great victories could not be won with but small casualties, history would have occasion to record the name of no great captains. By this count, the Israelis scored one of the greatest victories in recorded history.

But how was this technological-military miracle accomplished? The full answer remains classified. Naturally enough, a small country battling for its life can scarcely be expected to reveal fully the technological secrets upon which its survival depends.

One thing is certain: unnoticed, the British prediction that the Battle of Mortain would revolutionize warfare has eventuated.

It is an axiom of the theater that the curtain always goes up. In the power-play on the world stage, however, the curtain never goes down. Before the metal of the broken tanks had cooled, hundreds of Soviet technicians were flown to the Lebanon battlefields to assess the cataclysmic failure of Soviet weapons. *The Soviet advances had not failed; American advances had been greater.*

Except for the tremendous advance in American-Israeli technology since the October War of 1973, the Soviet scientists would have prevailed. They had perfected the defense that exacted such a heavy toll in the Battle of Golan Heights in the October War. Had the Israeli air force been forced to fight as it had fought nine years before, it would have been annihilated.

Moreover, despite the technological victory in Lebanon, the Achilles' heel of Israel is now in plain view: Israel has a very low rate of casualty tolerance. Israel's 25,000 regulars and 140,000 minutemen and women, clearly enough, cannot accept the same number of casualties as a major power and still survive. In terms of percentages, the loss of an Israeli soldier is the percentage equivalent of a loss of 10 American servicemen. Moreover, since by rule of thumb a 33 percent casualty rate is as much as any army can absorb without danger of disintegration, it follows that the loss of only 50,000 men (about 1/20th of the U.S. casualties in World War II) would be a near lethal blow to the Israeli defense forces. Under these circumstances, the Arab state orders for armament now being filled—some \$27 billions worth added to the more than \$35 billion already cramming their arsenals—will once again give the Arab states a vast preponderance of material for the next assault.

On the basis of military purchases in the world market, within the next four years, Israel's most implacable adversaries—Iraq, Jordan, Libya, Saudi Arabia and Syria—will have massed armed forces of 8,000 field guns, 11,000 armored infantry transports, 12,000 tanks, 2,300 combat planes, 1,000 helicopters and more than 500 SAM batteries. Additionally, the Arab states will have total naval forces of more than 100 warships. Obviously enough, Israel cannot begin to compete with this vast panoply either in money or in personnel. Thus, Israel's hopes of survival, it appears, are in peace or in the alternative: maintenance of technological superiority on an even greater scale.

None are so blind as those who will not see. However, the great technological victory in Lebanon should prove to even the most myopic American that of all America's defenses, the rampart to be most vigilantly watched—and most vigorously maintained—is overwhelming technological superiority. ☼

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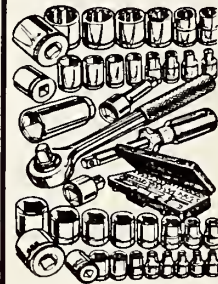
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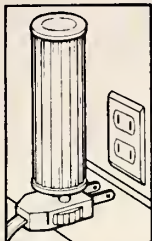
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LT. BLUE LOAFER	K			
TAN OXFORD	H			
NAVY LOAFER	J			
BONE LOAFER	F			
BROWN LOAFER	G			